

SPIDER-BOY

*"Spider-Boy continues
to be an absolute delight."*

— ComicBook.com



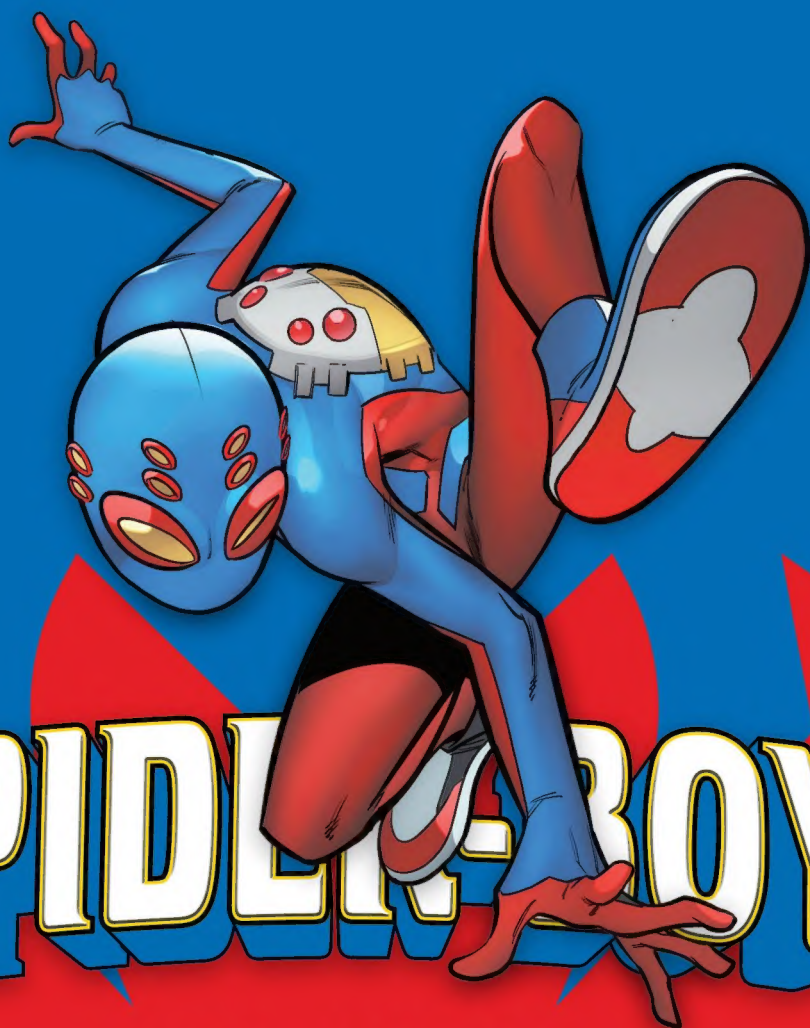
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BAILEY BRIGGS spent years as **SPIDER-MAN'S SIDEKICK** before he was erased from the **WEB OF LIFE**. Now no one remembers him, not even Spider-Man! When he returned, his mom was missing, so now he lives in the F.E.A.S.T. Center. Sometimes he wishes he could just be a kid, but he must find a way to survive and rebuild his reputation as **SPIDER-BOY!**

PREVIOUSLY...

Spider-Man discovered Spider-Boy's secret: his ability to **SPEAK TO SPIDERS** when he's in his monster form. After a distrusting Spidey benches him, Bailey monsters out during a nightmare, shocking Christina. Now a new spider who looks a lot like Bailey is causing havoc, leading Spidey to ask Bailey if this is another secret he's keeping...

Back at the lab of **MADAME MONSTROSITY**, we see her create **BOY-SPIDER**, from leftovers of Spider-Boy's DNA! So where Spider-Boy is more Boy than Spider, Boy-Spider is **MORE SPIDER THAN BOY**, and he feels everything Bailey does.

When Bailey has a Spider-Vision of Boy-Spider attacking **MILES MORALES**, he rushes to help and learns that Boy-Spider is — genetically — his twin brother! After he helps the confused and frightened Boy-Spider escape, Bailey's friends question his loyalties, and the feeling is mutual. From here on out, Bailey declares he's on his own!

But little does Bailey know, Madam Monstrosity's cat-lady helper Tabby, is actually his mom: **TABITHA BRIGGS!**

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“BEST FRIENDS FORNEVER” | “A HIGHLY EVOLVED OPINION”

THE FARM.

The Secret Laboratory of
Madame Monstrosity and
her Humanimals.

MY
OH MY!

IT APPEARS
MY LAST LITTLE
SCHEME WAS A
RESONATING
SUCCESS!

"WARNING:
STRANGE
HALF-BOY, HALF-
SPIDER CREATURE IS
ON THE LOOSE. IF
SEEN, CONTACT
AUTHORITIES
IMMEDIATELY."

HOW DELIGHTFUL.
I UNLEASH MY HIDEOUS
NEW **BOY-SPIDER** ON
AN UNSUSPECTING
PUBLIC...

...AND
SPIDER-BOY
GETS ALL THE
BLAME!

NOW THE WHOLE WORLD
IS AGAINST HIM. HE HAS
NO ONE TO TURN TO. AND
HE'S HIDDEN HIMSELF
AWAY.

BUT FEAR NOT, MY
DARLINGS, WE'LL SOON
FLUSH HIM OUT. DO
YOU KNOW HOW?

WITH
MEEE?





SPIDER-BOY?
HE IS MY LONG-
LOST SUBJECT
FIVE?

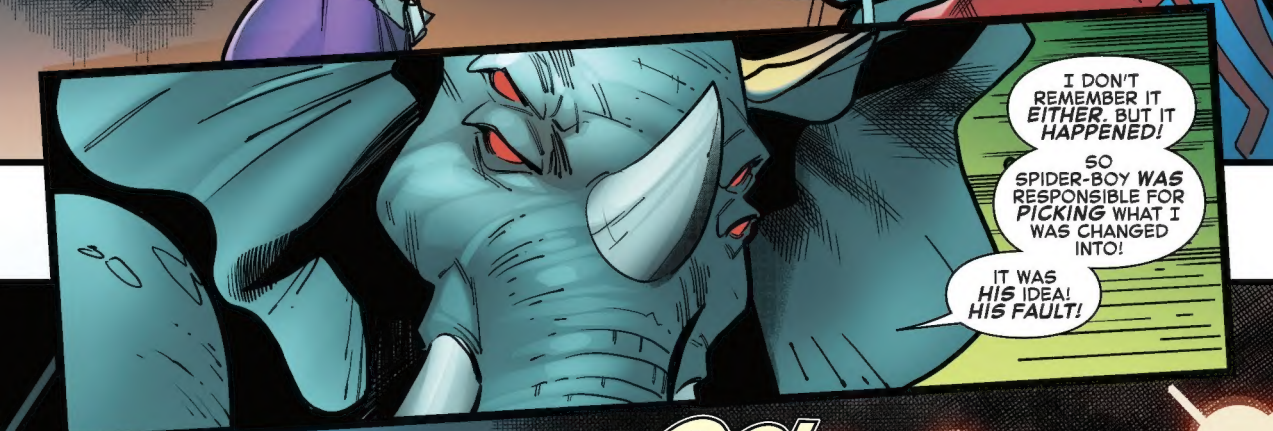
I HAVE
NO MEMORY
OF THIS!

WHAT DO YOU
GET WHEN YOU CROSS
AN ELEPHANT AND A
RHINOCEROS?

I GIVE UP.
WHAT?

HELLIFINO!

Ха Ха Ха!



I DON'T
REMEMBER IT
EITHER. BUT IT
HAPPENED!

SO
SPIDER-BOY WAS
RESPONSIBLE FOR
PICKING WHAT I
WAS CHANGED
INTO!

IT WAS
HIS IDEA!
HIS FAULT!



HMM.

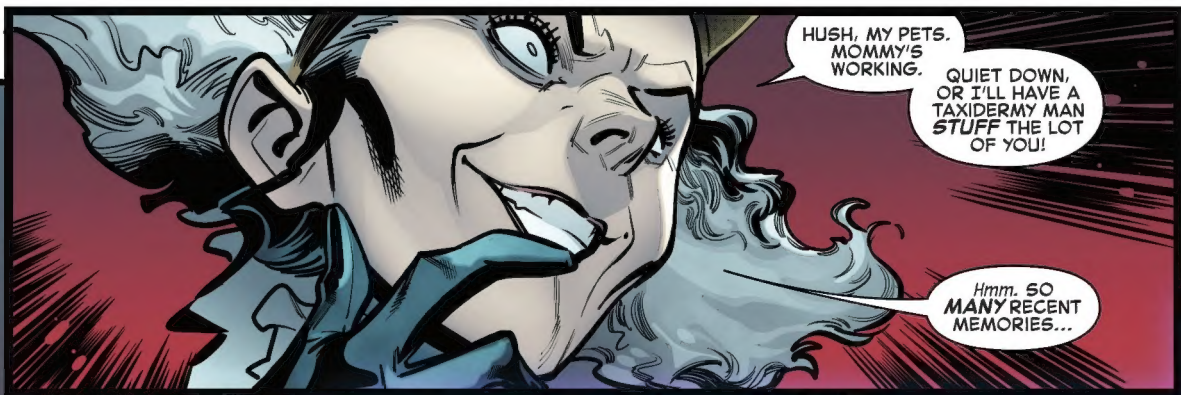
AWROO!

I'LL MASH
HIM!

I'LL
STOMP THE
BOTH OF
YOU!

SSSORRY.

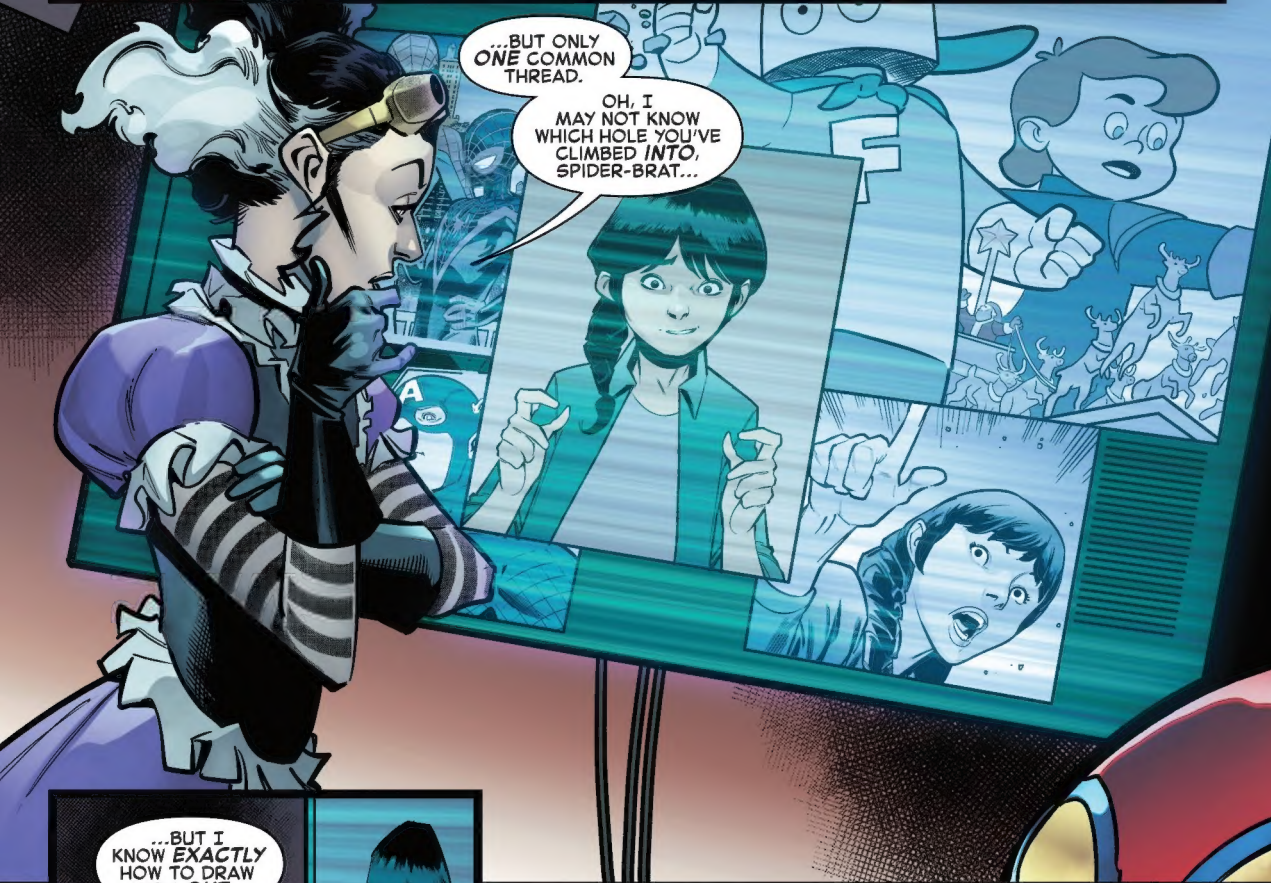
ALL OF YOU,
HOLD HIM! NO
ONE IS HURTING
THIS LITTLE
BOY.



HUSH, MY PETS.
MOMMY'S WORKING.

QUIET DOWN,
OR I'LL HAVE A
TAXIDERMIST MAN
STUFF THE LOT
OF YOU!

Hmm. SO
MANY RECENT
MEMORIES...



...BUT ONLY
ONE COMMON
THREAD.

OH, I
MAY NOT KNOW
WHICH HOLE YOU'VE
CLIMBED INTO,
SPIDER-BRAT...



...BUT I
KNOW EXACTLY
HOW TO DRAW
YOU OUT.



HELLIFINO!

YES,
MA'AM?

PACK YOUR
TRUNK, MISTER.
WE'RE TAKING A
LITTLE TRIP!

MIDTOWN MANHATTAN.



SO?
NO SIGN OF
SPIDER-BOY
ANYWHERE?

NONE OF
MY FELLOW
AVENGERS HAVE
SPOTTED HIM.

MY SQUIRRELS HAVE
CHECKED ALL THE
PARKS. WE GOT
NUTHIN'.

HE
HASN'T BEEN TO
ANY PIZZA
PLACES.

MILES.

WHAT?
DON'T JUDGE ME.
LOOKING AROUND
THE ENTIRE CITY
BURNS CALORIES,
MAN.



WELL? HE'S
YOUR SIDEKICK,
SPIDEY. THAT HAS TO
GIVE YOU SOME
INSIGHT.

Ummm...



I THINK I KNOW
SOMEONE THE
KID MIGHT
CHECK IN WITH.

IF I HEAR
ANYTHING,
I'LL LET YOU
KNOW.

IN THE
MEANTIME...
ALL OF YOU,
PLEASE KEEP
IN TOUCH!

THWIP



I REALLY HOPE THEY HAVE A LEAD.

BECAUSE I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT I'M SUPPOSED TO DO HERE.

I SWEAR, THE MORE I GET INVOLVED IN THIS KID'S LIFE...



...THE MORE I'M SURE...

...SPIDER-MAN SHOULDN'T HAVE A SIDEKICK.



HEY, CHRISTINA, ANY WORD ON BAILEY?

NOPE. HE HASN'T COME BACK TO THE F.E.A.S.T. CENTER. AND WE'RE ALL KINDA WORRIED.

IT'S BEEN DAYS. WHERE'S HE SLEEPING AT NIGHT? IS HE EATING?



PETE, YOU'RE FRIENDS WITH SPIDER-MAN. HAS HE SEEN HIM?

NO. NOT SINCE THAT NIGHT.

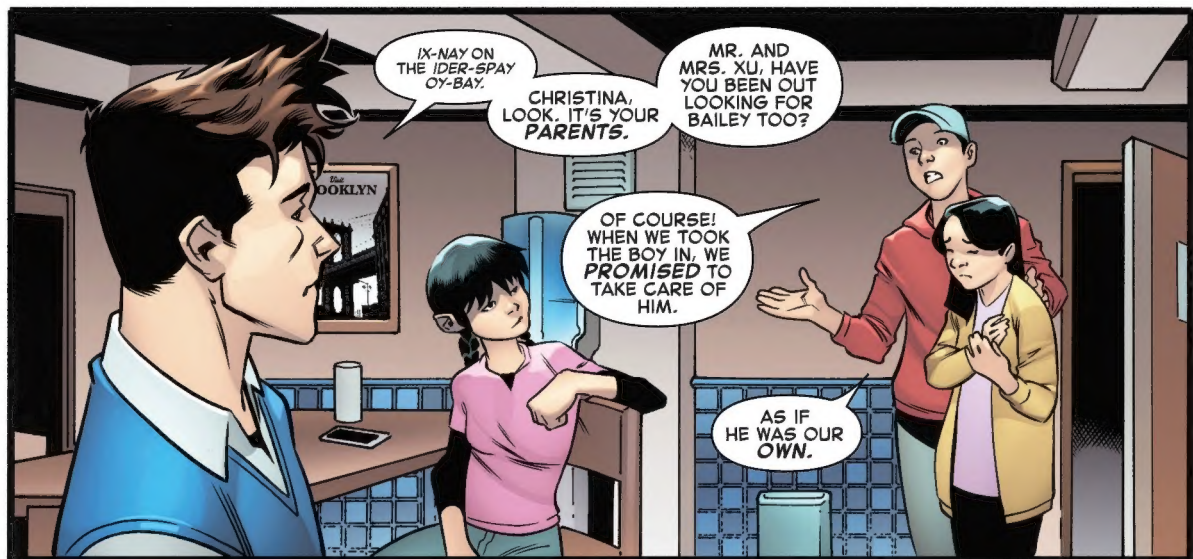


WE SCREWED UP BIG TIME.

CAN'T BELIEVE WE BLAMED HIM FOR ALL THE STUFF BOY-SPIDER DID.

I TOTALLY GET WHY HE WANTS NOTHING TO DO WITH ANY OF US.

YEP. ALL OF BAILEY'S "FRIENDS" WERE BIG JERKS LAST ISSUE. --ELLIE



IX-NAY ON
THE IDER-SPAY
OY-BAY.

CHRISTINA,
LOOK, IT'S YOUR
PARENTS.

MR. AND
MRS. XU, HAVE
YOU BEEN OUT
LOOKING FOR
BAILEY TOO?

OF COURSE!
WHEN WE TOOK
THE BOY IN, WE
PROMISED
TO TAKE CARE OF
HIM.

AS IF
HE WAS OUR
OWN.

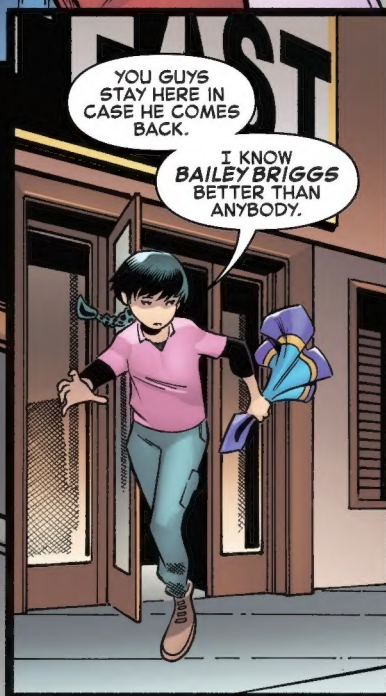


<CHRISTINA,
YOU KNOW YOUR
MOTHER AND I
MUST LOOK FOR
WORK DURING
THE DAY.>

<YOU WERE
TO KEEP AN EYE
ON THE CHILD, AS
IF HE WAS YOUR
BROTHER.>

YOU'RE RIGHT.
BAILEY IS MY
RESPONSIBILITY.

TRANSLATED FROM
MANDARIN. --ELLIE



YOU GUYS
STAY HERE IN
CASE HE COMES
BACK.

I KNOW
BAILEY BRIGGS
BETTER THAN
ANYBODY.



SO IF
ANYONE
CAN FIND HIM,
IT'S GONNA
BE **ME**.

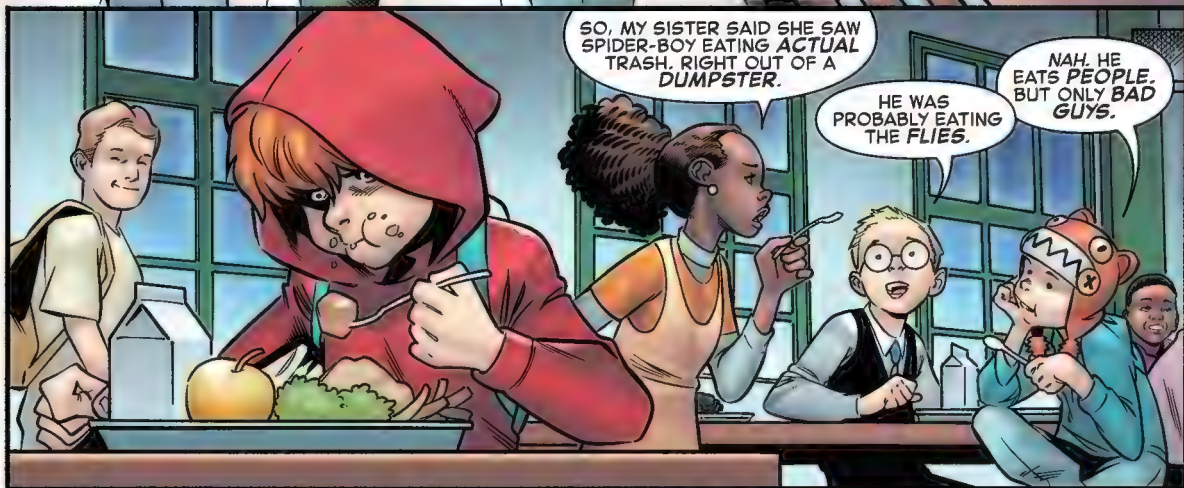
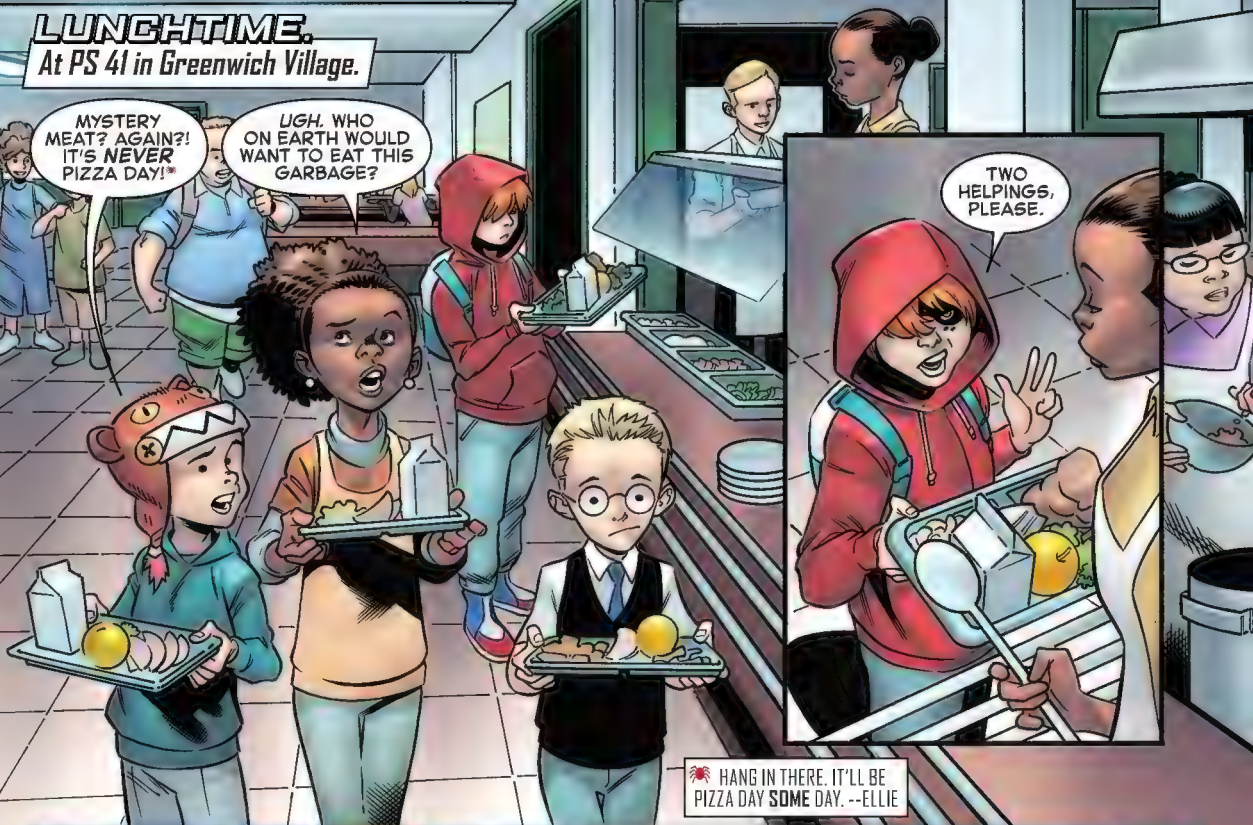
I HAVE
THE GIRL IN MY
SIGHTS. COPY.
SHOULD I--?

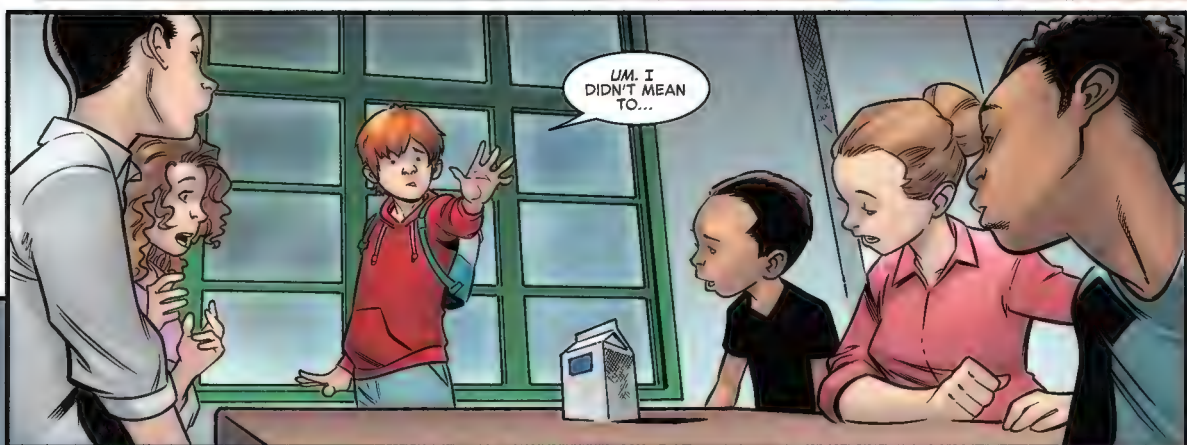
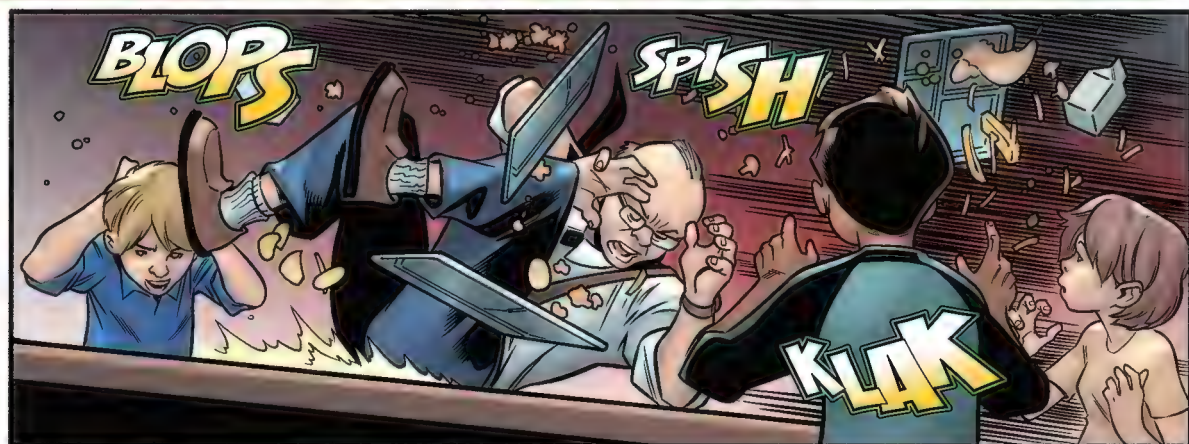
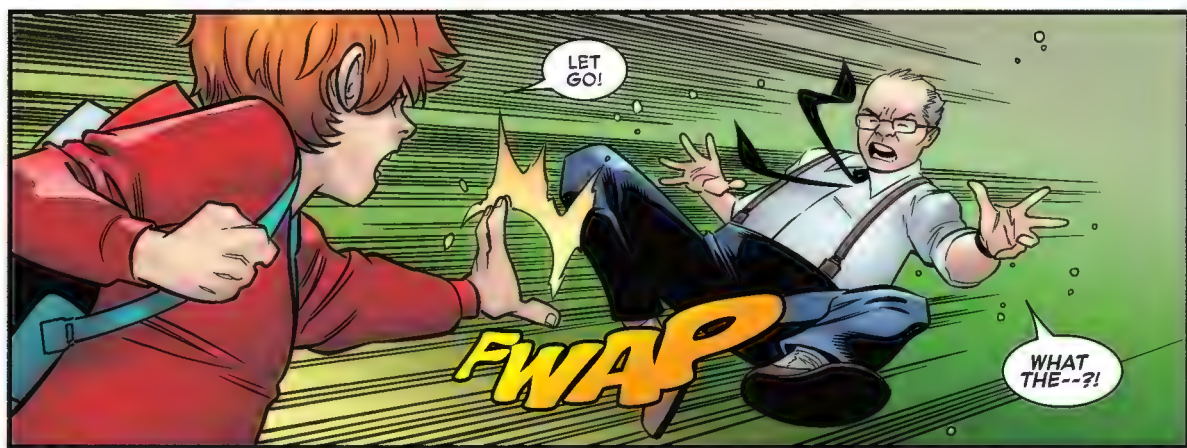
PATIENCE,
YOU BLUSTERING
BUFFOON.
SHADOW HER...

...AND SHE
MIGHT LEAD
US STRAIGHT
TO HIM.

LUNCHTIME.

At PS 41 in Greenwich Village.







GREAT!
THERE GOES
ANOTHER PLACE
I CAN'T USE FOR
FREE BREAKFASTS
AND LUNCHES.

PLUS, THEY
HAD A PRETTY
GOOD LOST AND
FOUND FOR
CLOTHES.

AND ONLY
MILDLY GROSS
GYM MATS TO
SLEEP ON.



WHATEVER.

I'M **STILL**
NOT GOING
BACK TO THE
F.E.A.S.T.
CENTER.

NOPE.
NEVER. NOT
HAPPENING.



OKAY.
PS 63 IN
THE EAST
VILLAGE...
...YOU'RE
NEXT.

~~PS 65~~ ~~PS 69~~
~~PS 60~~ ~~PS 64~~
~~PS 61~~ PS 63
PS 64



HUH? GETTING A
PSYCHIC READING OFF
THIS PEN.

THAT MEANS
WHOEVER HELD
IT LAST IS IN
DANGER.



MY **SPIDER-SENSE**
IS KICKING IN!



STOP IT!
I DON'T WANT TO
SEE WHO NEEDS
ME!

THIS
ISN'T FAIR!
I DIDN'T ASK
FOR THIS!

I'M NOT
GONNA HELP THIS
TIME! Y'HEAR ME?!
I'M DONE!



WAIT!
THIS WAS
CHRISTINA'S
PEN?!

NO!
HELLIFINO'S
OUT TO GET
HER!

AND
MADAME
MONSTROSITY
TOO?!

**REALLY?!
C'MON!**

STUPID
SPIDER-SENSE.
FINE, YOU
WIN.

I'LL
TURN INTO
SPIDER-
BOY...

...THE
CREEPY,
HOMELESS,
PRETEEN HERO
EVERYONE
LOVES TO
HATE.

YAY
ME.



I'VE FOLLOWED THIS "CHRISTINA" FOR HOURS...

...AND STILL NO SIGN OF THE SPIDER-BRAT!

VERY WELL, GO AHEAD AND GRAB THE GIRL.

THE SPIDER WILL COME TO US.

--HIS NAME'S BAILEY. YOU SEE HIM AROUND ANYWHERE?

NAH. SOMEBODY THAT GINGER? I'D REMEMBER.

I KNOW. HE'S WEIRD LOOKING, BUT HE'S A GOOD KID. LET ME KNOW IF YOU--



WHOA! LISTEN! IS THAT THUNDER?

NO, NO, NO!

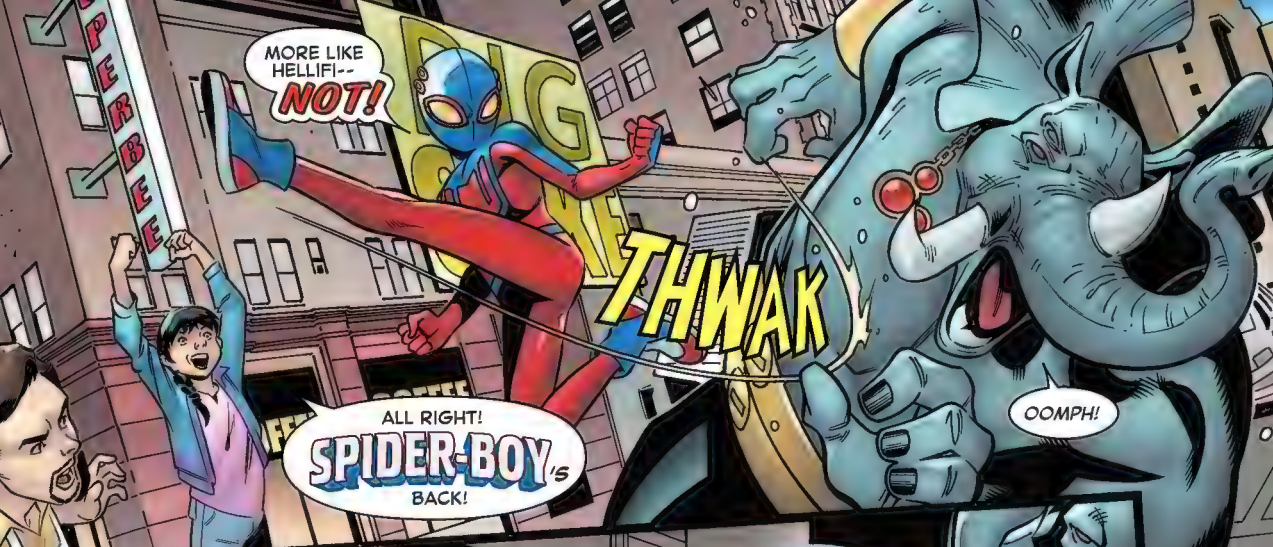
I KNOW THAT SOUND! IT'S...



...HELLIFINO!

GYAH!

AW R OOO!



MORE LIKE
HELLFI--
NOT!

THWAK

ALL RIGHT!
SPIDER-BOY'S
BACK!

OOMP!



HOW ARE YOU?
ARE YOU OKAY?
HAVE YOU BEEN
EATING?

CAN WE
NOT DO THIS
NOW?

I'M STILL
KINDA MAD
AT YOU.



IT'S
THAT FREAKY
SPIDER-KID!

RUN!

WHAT?
THEY'RE
MORE
AFRAID OF
YOU?

SOUND
FAMILIAR?



I'M
SORRY!

**GET
BACK
HERE!**

NAH!
YOU WANNA
FIGHT ME,
HELLY...

Coming Soon:
Killionaire's New
Esports Arena
The KILL ZONE!

...I
PICK THE
SPOT!



I'LL CRUSH YOU! BREAK EVERY BONE IN YOUR BODY!

CHRISTINA?! I LURED HIM IN HERE 'CAUSE THIS PLACE WAS EMPTY...

...AND NO ONE WAS AROUND TO GET HURT! SHOO!

SO YOU CAN DISAPPEAR ON ME AGAIN? I DON'T THINK SO!



SMASH YOU TO BITS!

ELI, YOU'RE MY FRIEND! I DON'T WANT TO FIGHT YOU!



NO! YOU'RE THE REASON I'M LIKE THIS!

PERFECT. SOMEONE FINALLY REMEMBERS SOMETHING ABOUT ME...

...AND IT HAS TO BE THAT!



YOU DID THIS TO ME!

ELI, DON'T--



I TRIED TO WARN YOU, PAL.

KNOW WHAT YOU GET WHEN YOU USE ONE SUPPORT BEAM...

...TO KNOCK OUT ANOTHER SUPPORT BEAM?

A DE-CONSTRUCTION SITE!

NOO!

YEAH.
I KNOW. MY
PUNS ARE THE
WORST.

BUT THAT
SHOULD KEEP
YOU BUSY FOR
A WHILE.



LATER!

SPIDER-BOY
OUT!

WAY
TO GO!
YOU GOT
HIM!



I--I DIDN'T
MEAN TO.

NOT LIKE
THIS!

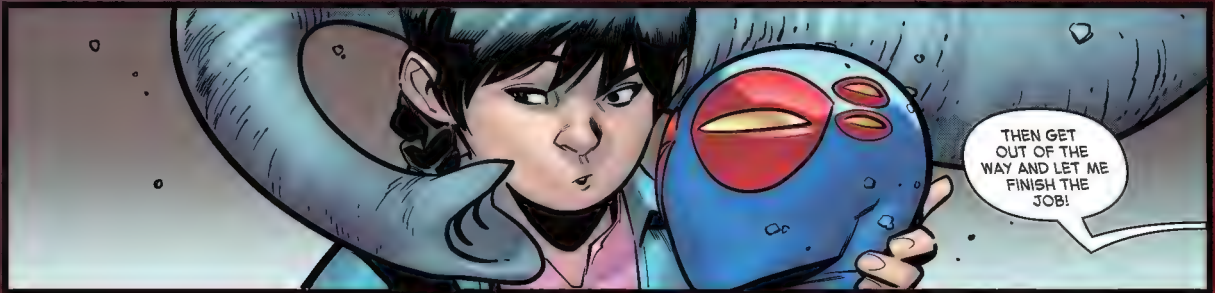
--hulk--
--heh--
--h--

C'MON. LET'S
GET OUT OF
HERE.

CHRISTINA,
I CAN'T! HE'S
BARELY
BREATHING!

I GOTTA
SAVE HIM!





LEAVE SPIDER-BOY
ALONE!

GET AWAY
FROM HIM,
YOU WITCH!

QUIET,
GIRL. SUBJECT
NUMBER FIVE IS
MINE TO STUDY
AS I SEE
FIT.

I
MADE
HIM.

THE
QUESTION IS:
WHY CAN'T I
RECALL MAKING
HIM?

Unhh...

YOU
DON'T
KNOW?!

NOW.

STILLWELL FARM,
The Secret Laboratory of
MADAME MONSTROSITY.

YOU CAN'T
EVEN REMEMBER
WHY YOU HATE HIM
SO MUCH, CAN
YOU?

WHAT DID
SPIDER-BOY
EVER DO TO
YOU?!

THEN.

HE'S
ALMOST
HERE!

AFTER
YEARS OF
CORRESPONDENCES!
HE'S FINALLY
COMING!

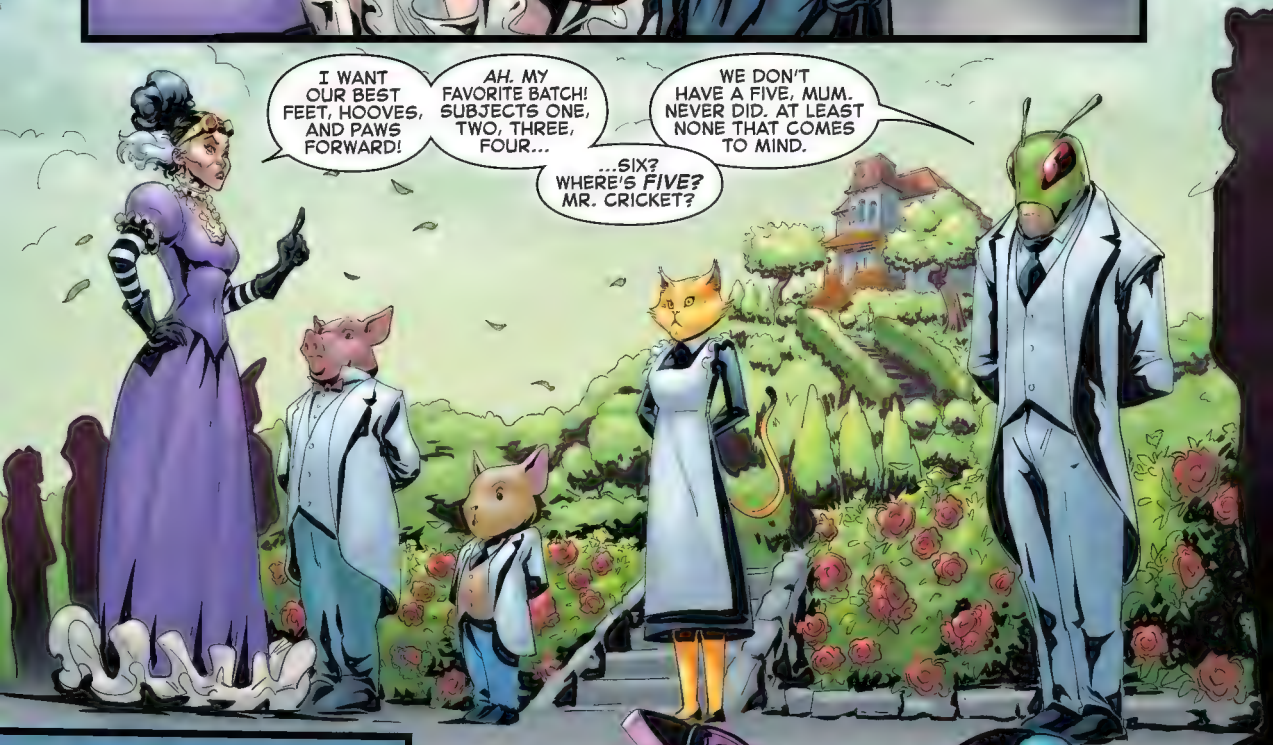
**PLACES,
EVERYONE!**

I WANT
OUR BEST
FEET, HOOVES,
AND PAWS
FORWARD!

AH. MY
FAVORITE BATCH!
SUBJECTS ONE,
TWO, THREE,
FOUR...

WE DON'T
HAVE A FIVE, MUM.
NEVER DID. AT LEAST
NONE THAT COMES
TO MIND.

...SIX?
WHERE'S FIVE?
MR. CRICKET?



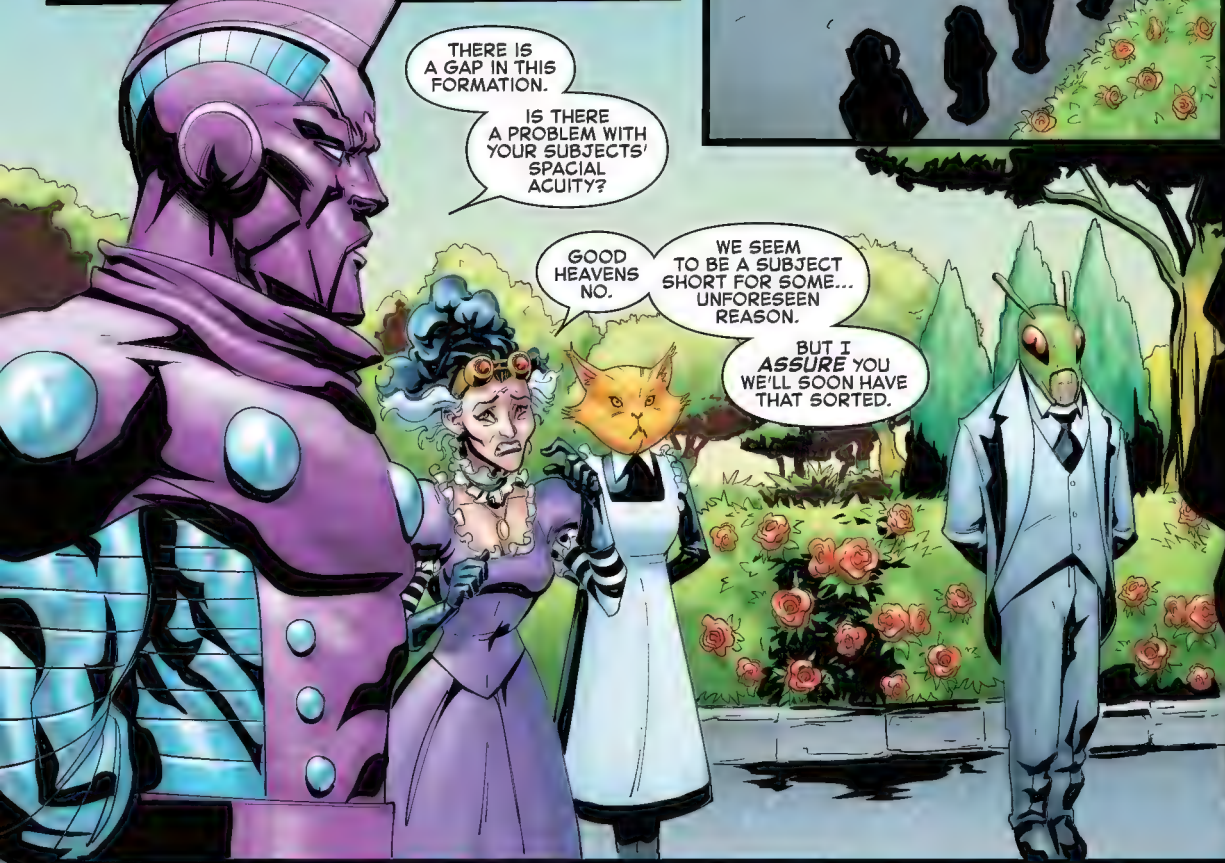
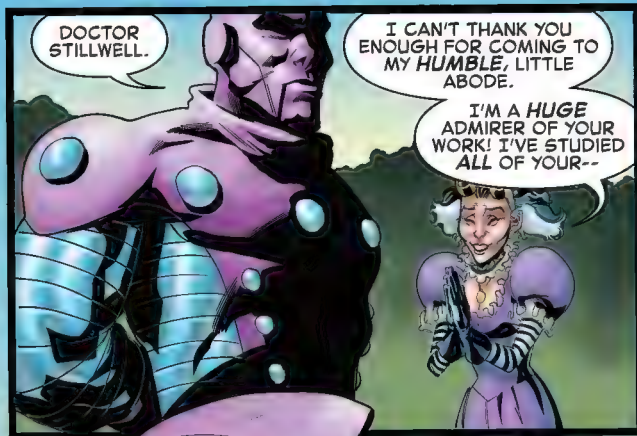
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LOOK,
DARLINGS!

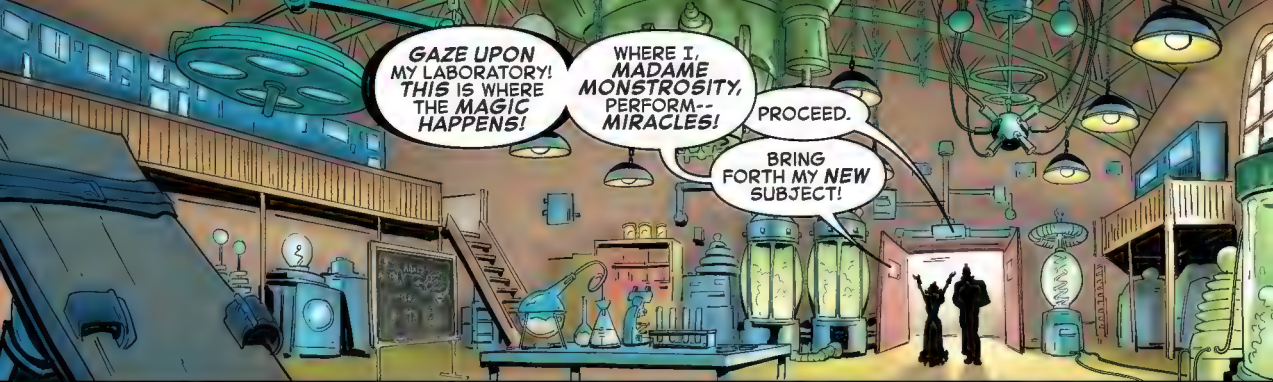
HERE
HE COMES
NOW!

OUR MOST
SPECIAL
GUEST...



**...THE HIGH
EVOLUTIONARY!**





GAZE UPON MY LABORATORY!
THIS IS WHERE THE MAGIC HAPPENS!

WHERE I, MADAME MONSTROSITY, PERFORM--MIRACLES!

PROCEED.

BRING FORTH MY NEW SUBJECT!



HEY! WHAT'S HAPPENING?
Um...GUYS?

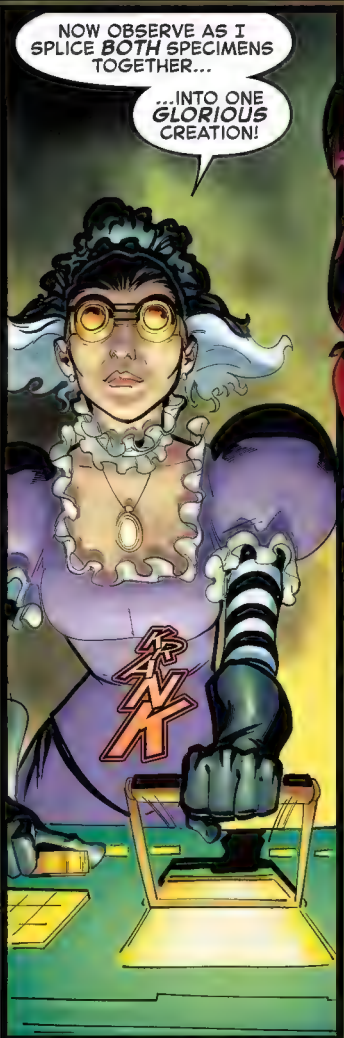
I DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR THIS!

I CAME TO FIX THE SINK!



DID YOU HEAR ME?
I'M JUST THE PLUMBER!

IS--IS THAT A CRAB?
WHAT'S GOING ON?



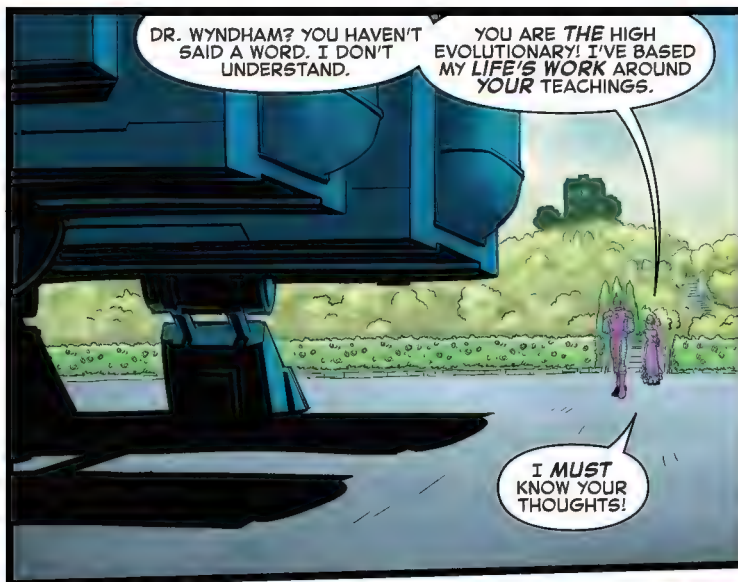
NOW OBSERVE AS I SPLICE BOTH SPECIMENS TOGETHER...

...INTO ONE GLORIOUS CREATION!



I JUST CAME TO FIX THE SINK!

SO, DARLING, WHAT DO YOU THINK?



DR. WYNDHAM? YOU HAVEN'T SAID A WORD. I DON'T UNDERSTAND.

YOU ARE *THE* HIGH EVOLUTIONARY! I'VE BASED MY *LIFE'S* WORK AROUND YOUR TEACHINGS.

I *MUST* KNOW YOUR THOUGHTS!

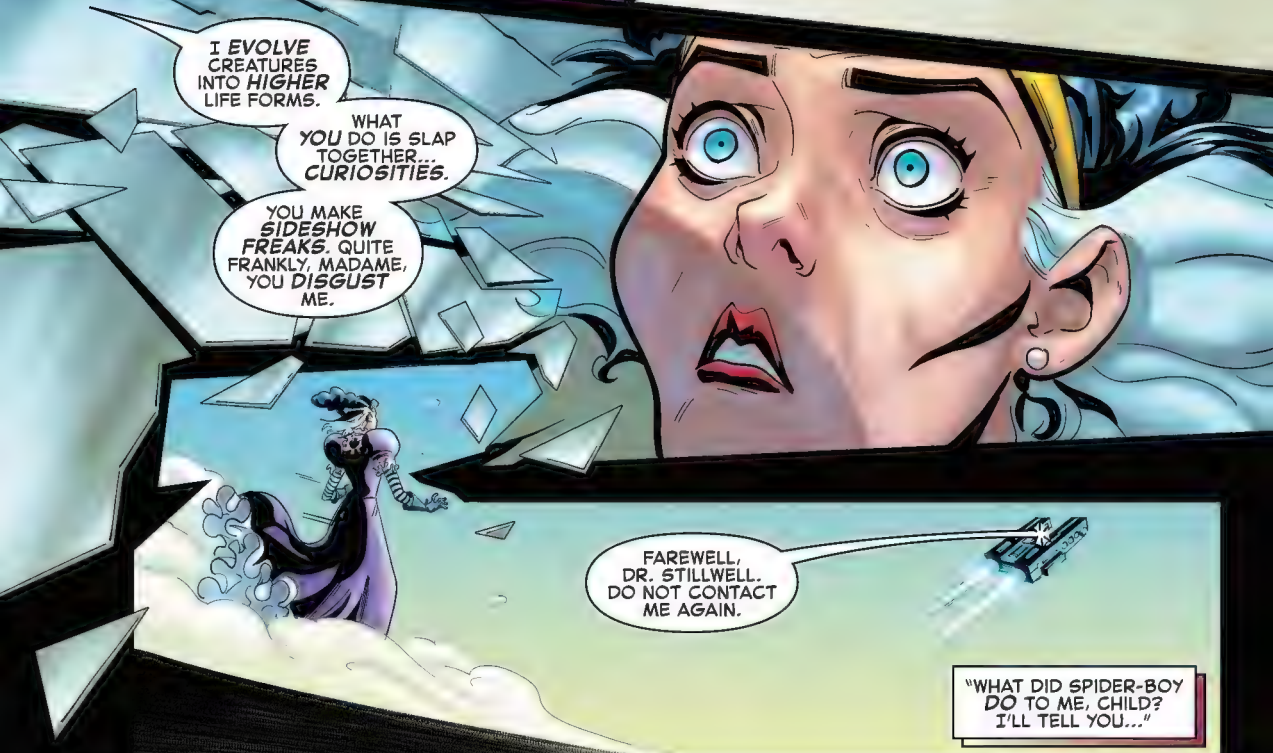


YOU WROTE TO ME OF A *GREAT* DISCOVERY.

A MULTI-FORM, ARACHNO-HUMAN HYBRID THAT COULD EVOLVE AND DEVOLVE AT WILL.

I SEE NO SUCH BEING HERE.

AND WHAT I *DO* SEE HAS NO BEARING ON MY WORK.



I EVOLVE CREATURES INTO *HIGHER* LIFE FORMS.

WHAT YOU DO IS SLAP TOGETHER... *CURIOSITIES*.

YOU MAKE *SIDESHOW* FREAKS. QUITE FRANKLY, MADAME, YOU *DISGUST* ME.

FAREWELL, DR. STILLWELL. DO NOT CONTACT ME AGAIN.

"WHAT DID SPIDER-BOY DO TO ME, CHILD? I'LL TELL YOU..."



NOTHING.
NOT A BLESSED
THING.

WHEN I
NEEDED HIM
MOST...

...HE WASN'T
THERE FOR ME.
MUCH IN THE
SAME WAY...



"...HE WON'T BE
THERE FOR YOU,
CHRISTINA XU."

AAAA!
DON'T PUT ME
IN THERE!

SPIDER-BOY!
I NEED
YOU!



WHAT--?

WHAT
ANIMAL'S IN
HERE WITH
ME?

SKRITCH

KTCH



PLEASE!
NOT THAT!

I DON'T
WANNA TURN
INTO THAT!

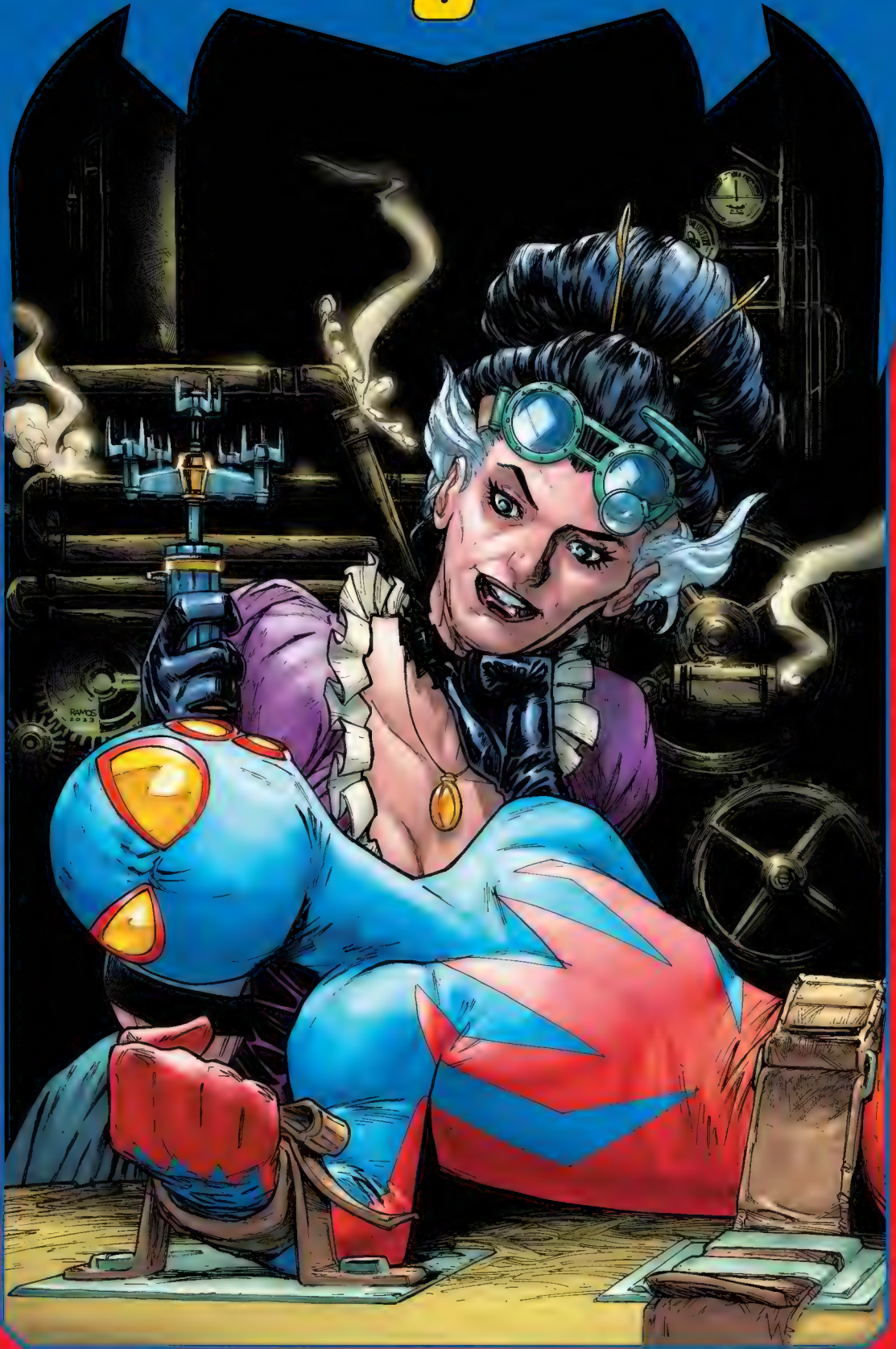


DON'T
WORRY, DEARY.
THERE'S NOTHING
TO FEAR.

SOON
YOU'LL FIT
RIGHT
IN...

...WITH
ALL THE REST
OF MY
FREAKS!

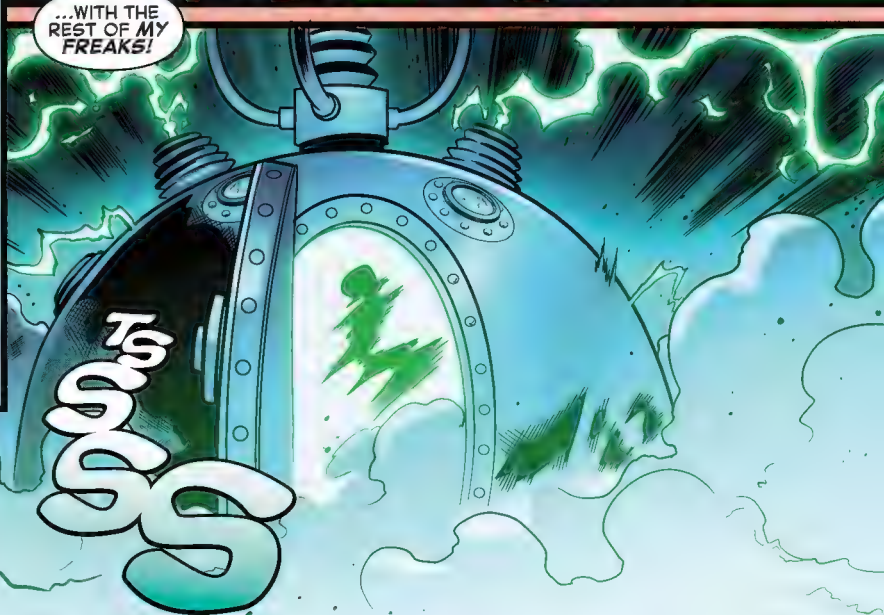
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"THE MAN UPSTAIRS" | "SO YOU'RE NOW A HUMANIMAL"









IT'S OKAY,
SPIDEY-B.

I DON'T
THINK IT
WORKED.

DIDN'T
WORK?!



CHRISSY!
YOU'RE A
PIGEON!



HEY! THAT
DOESN'T
MATTER!

I'M STILL ME.
AND YOU'RE
YOU.

YOU'RE
SPIDER-
BOY.



YOU'LL FIND A
WAY TO FIX
THIS.

I
BELIEVE
IN YOU!

STILLWELL!
WHERE ARE YOU
TAKING HER?!

NOT FAR.
DON'T WORRY,
BOY...

...SHE
WON'T FLY THE
COOP.



DID YOU
TURN HER INTO A
PIGEON *JUST* SO
YOU COULD SAY
THAT LINE?

OH, YOU!
LET AN OLD
LADY HAVE
HER FUN.



THAT'S ALL
THIS IS TO YOU,
ISN'T IT? SOME
SICK WAY TO HAVE
YOUR FUN AND
GAMES?

WELL,
GUESS WHAT?
YOU'RE GONNA
LOSE!

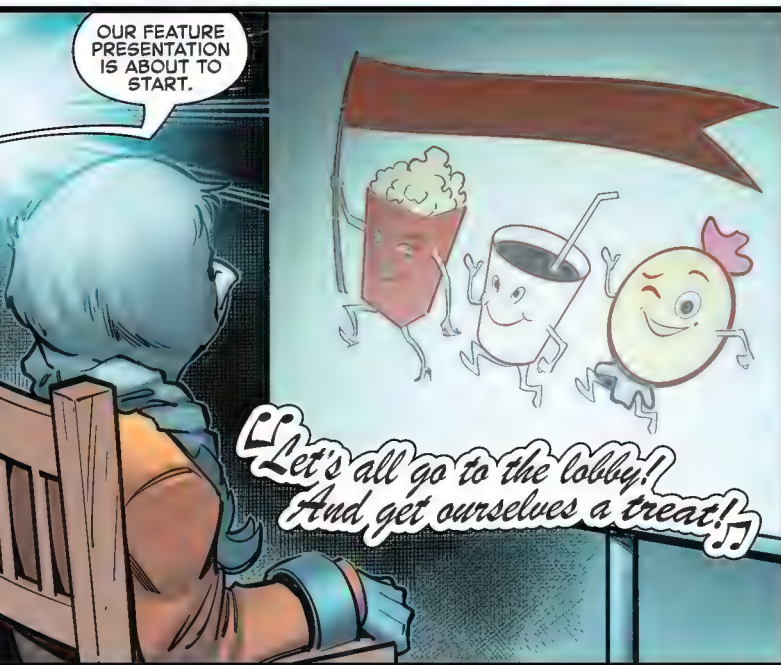
SPIDER-BOY
FOUND HIS
WAY OUTTA HERE
ONCE. AND I
WILL *TOO!*

NO, YOU
WON'T. AND
LET ME *SHOW*
YOU WHY.
HELLFINO?



THERE, NOW.
ARE WE SITTING
COMFORTABLY?

EYES FRONT,
PRETTY BIRD.



OUR FEATURE
PRESENTATION
IS ABOUT TO
START.

*Let's all go to the lobby!
And get ourselves a treat!*



YOU'RE
INSANE,
AREN'T
YOU?

Shh!
DOWN IN
FRONT!

THIS NEXT
BIT'S IMPORTANT.
YOU'LL WANNA
SEE THIS.
IT'S
FOR YOUR OWN
GOOD.

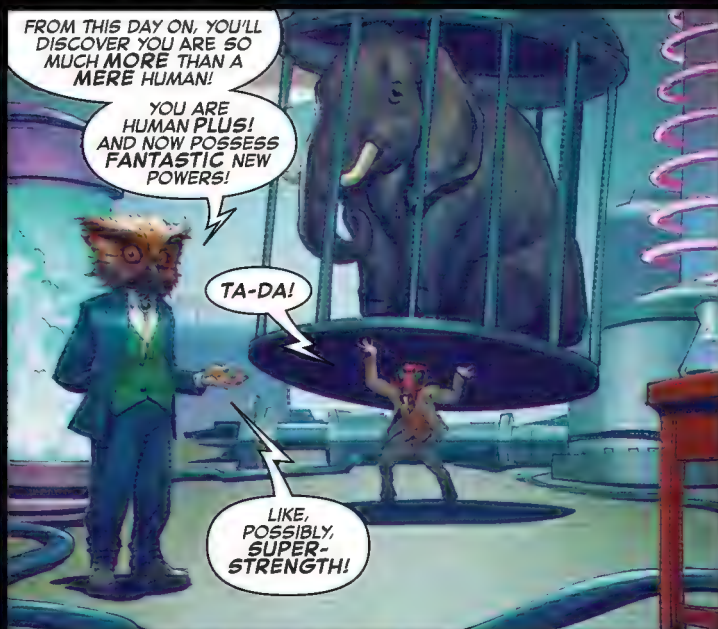
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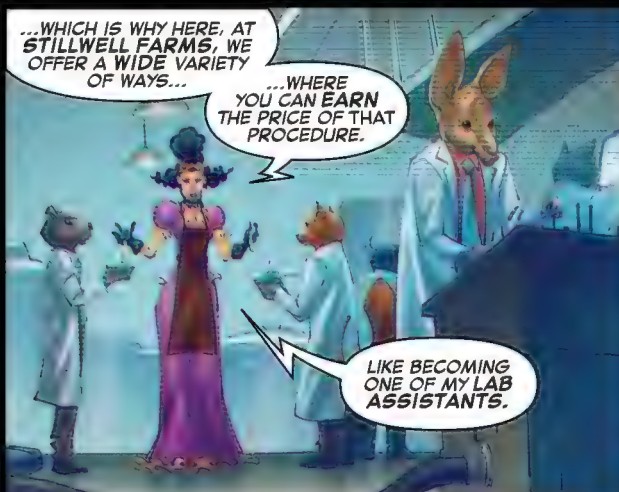
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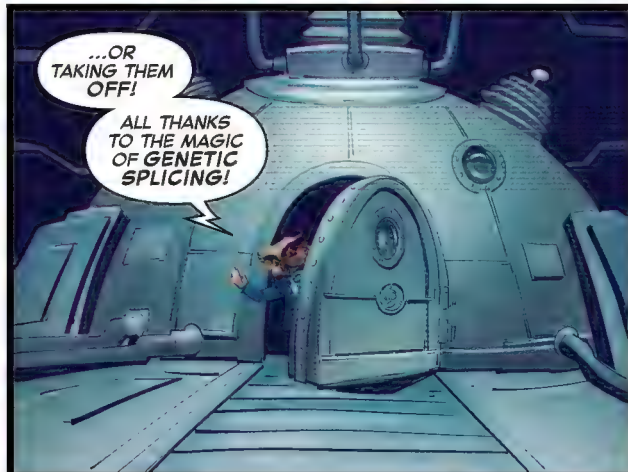
WHY, HELLO THERE! WELCOME TO
STILLWELL FARMS.

I AM DR. MELODIA
STILLWELL, AND THIS IS MY
HUSBAND, JEREMY.









LATER...



MUCH BETTER, 23. YOU'RE GETTING THE HANG OF IT.

TWO MORE ROWS AND YOU CAN CALL IT A DAY.

MY NAME'S CHRISTINA.

A YEAR FROM NOW, MADAME M. WILL GIVE YOU A NAME.

DO GOOD WORK, 23, AND THREE YEARS FROM NOW...

...YOU CAN PICK A DIFFERENT TASK.

REALLY?

I HEAR IF YOU'RE LUCKY, TEN YEARS AFTER THAT...

...YOU'RE HUMAN AGAIN.

THIRTEEN YEARS?!



IF YOU'RE LUCKY. TRUST ME, 23, YOU MADE THE RIGHT CHOICE.

IN THIS WORLD, NO ONE'S COMING TO SAVE YOU. YOU GOTTA SAVE YOURSELF.

WHAT ABOUT SPIDER-BOY? HE MADE IT OUT OF HERE.

THAT'S A FAIRY TALE. A MYTH. NO ONE REMEMBERS IT.

AND EVEN IF IT HAPPENED ONCE, THERE'S NO WAY...



"...THAT'S EVER
HAPPENING
AGAIN."

C'MON!
GET HIM
ALREADY!

GUYS, YOU
AIN'T GETTING
SQUAT!

SINCE THE
LAST TIME I SAW
YOU, I'VE BEEN TRAINING
WITH DAREDEVIL AND
SPIDER-MAN!

I'VE BEEN
FIGHTING REAL
SUPER VILLAINS!
AND YOU...?

WAKK

SEE SPIDER-MAN #11. --ELLIE

YOU'RE JUST
MADAME M.'S
PETTING
ZOO!

WORSE!
YOU HURT MY
FRIEND!

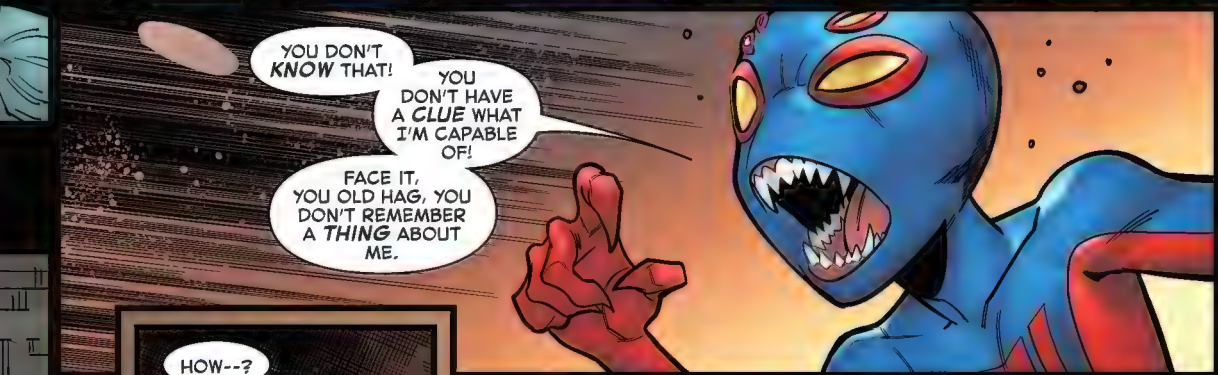
AND THAT
MAKES ME
FIGHTIN'
MAD!



ENOUGH!
CEASE THIS TOM-
FOOLERY AT ONCE!
LOOK AT ME,
BOY!

I HAVE
HELLFINO, WHO
FAR OUTPOWERS YOU.
AND BOY-SPIDER,
WHO IS EVERY BIT
YOUR EQUAL.

YOU NEVER
STOOD A CHANCE
AGAINST US.



YOU DON'T
KNOW THAT!

YOU
DON'T HAVE
A CLUE WHAT
I'M CAPABLE
OF!

FACE IT,
YOU OLD HAG, YOU
DON'T REMEMBER
A THING ABOUT
ME.



HOW--?
HOW
DID YOU MAKE
ME FORGET
YOU?

**TELL
ME!**



HA HA HA!

CAN'T
BELIEVE IT!
I FINALLY KNOW
SOMETHING YOU
DON'T!

ME! A
SNOT-NOSED
LITTLE KID.

MAN, THAT
MUST BE SO
EMBARRASSING!

YOU ANNOYING, LITTLE INFANT!

HELLIFINO, SMASH HIM TO BITS!

FINALLY!

SO THIS WAS IT? YOUR BIG PLAN?

KIDNAP MY FRIEND. CHANGE HER. AND REFUSE TO CHANGE HER BACK...

...UNLESS I TELL YOU MY "BIG SECRET"?

TELL ME YOU'VE GOT MORE THAN THAT!

PLEASE! THE GIRL WAS BAIT. A WAY TO LURE YOU OUT INTO THE OPEN.

CHANGE HER BACK?

THAT WAS NEVER PART OF MY PLAN, CHILD!

BOY-SPIDER, ATTACK!

Hsss!

NEVER?!

WHAT'S THE
MATTER WITH
YOU?! WITH ALL
OF YOU?!

ALL I'VE
EVER DONE IS
TRY TO DO RIGHT
BY EVERYBODY!
TO BE A GOOD
GUY!

TO
HELLIFINO!
EVEN TO THIS
FREAK!

AND WHAT
DO I GOT TO
SHOW FOR IT,
HUH?!

POKK!

GET
AWAY FROM
HIM!

YEOW!

CRAZY
CAT-LADY!
I OUGHTA--

EASY, BOY.
IF I WERE
YOU...

...I'D BE
VERY CAREFUL
WITH YOUR NEXT
MOVE, MISTER
BRIGGS. FOR
YOU SEE...

...YOUR
FRIEND WAS
THE BAIT IN MY
TRAP. BUT THAT
WOMAN...

...SHE IS
MY LEVERAGE.
MY HOLD OVER
YOU.

BECAUSE
BEFORE I CHANGED
MY PERSONAL
HANDMAID INTO THAT
TABBY CAT, YOU
KNEW HER AS...

...TABITHA
BRIGGS.









Unhhh.

WELL,
THAT'S ENOUGH
EXPERIMENTATION
FOR ONE DAY,
MR. BRIGGS.

WHAT SAY
WE PICK UP
FROM HERE
TOMORROW?

Grrh.

AGREED.
NIGHTY-
NIGHT.

COME ALONG,
SQUEAKERTON.



IT'S TIME TO
SEE THE MAN
UPSTAIRS.

YES,
MUM.



AH.
THERE YOU
ARE.



TIME FOR
NIBBLES.

GASP



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"AND HIS AMAZING FRIENDS"

NEW YORK CITY.

Spider-Man's regular patrol route.

OY, IT'S BEEN DAYS AND STILL NO SIGN OF SPIDER-BOY...

...OR HIS FRIEND CHRISTINA. AND I'M THE ONE WHO GUILTED HER INTO GOING OUT LOOKING FOR HIM.

TWO KIDS. LOST IN THE CITY. AND IT'S ALL MY FAULT.*

WHAT I WOULDN'T GIVE FOR A CLUE. ANY KIND OF CLUE.

TO BE FAIR, SPIDER-MAN ALWAYS THINKS EVERYTHING IS HIS FAULT. --ELLIE

COO?

COO!
COO!

NO, I SAID "CLUE." KEEP UP.

GREAT, I'M TALKING TO PIGEONS NOW.

COO COO COO!

WOW, YOU'RE PERSISTENT!

AND FOR A NEW YORK PIGEON, THAT'S SAYING SOMETHING.

WHATCHA GOT THERE, PAL? IS THAT FOR ME?

COO.

WALLOPING WEB-SNAPPERS!

WILLWELL FARM
Spidey, HELP!
Spider-Boy + me
are HERE and
in TROUBLE!
HURRY!
- Christina

THE JARVIS LOUNGE.

An exclusive club for Earth's Mightiest Heroes.



KNOCK
KNOCK

YES?

GREETINGS.
I AM THE TOY SOLDIER,
A SENTIENT ACTION FIGURE
WITH THE ABILITIES OF
EVERY AVENGER.

I WISH
TO JOIN YOUR
TEAM.

IS
THIS A
JOKE?

WHAT HO,
JARVIS? AND WHO
IS THY TINY
FRIEND?

WELL, MASTER THOR, HE APPEARS
TO BE A MINIATURIZED VERSION OF
THE SUPER-ADAPTOID.

INTERESTING.
A PIECE OF THE
ADAPTOID WAS STOLEN
RECENTLY. PERHAPS
WE SHOULD--

AT EASE,
CAP. HE'S A GOOD
GUY. I CAN VOUCH
FOR HIM.

HE HELPED ME
SAVE SOME SQUIRRELS
LAST WEEK IN CENTRAL
PARK. HOW GOES IT,
TOY-BOY?

I DO WELL,
SQUIRREL GIRL.
THANK YOU.

JUST THE FOLKS I WAS
LOOKING FOR!

I KNOW WHERE
SPIDER-BOY IS. HE'S
IN DANGER, AND HE
NEEDS HELP!

SPIDER-BOY?
WHY, HE IS MY FRIEND
AND LIBERATOR!
COUNT ME IN.

ME TOO!

I FEEL THE
SAME WAY, BUT
IT'S IN UPSTATE
NEW YORK. SPIDEY
AND I COULD
USE A LIFT.

I HAVE A
QUINJET
NEARBY. WHAT
ARE WE WAITING
FOR?

MADAME MONSTROSITY'S LAB.

Hidden away under Stillwell Farms.

LOOK AT YOU, BAILEY BRIGGS, THE SPIDER-BOY. SPIDER-MAN'S FORGOTTEN SIDEKICK...

...AND MY GREATEST CREATION.

HEY, LADY! YOU DIDN'T MAKE ME. I WAS A BOY...

...WAY BEFORE YOU SPliced ME WITH A SPIDER.

BUT HOW EXACTLY DOES THIS "FORGET ME" POWER OF YOURS WORK?

IS IT FROM SOME BIOELECTRIC FIELD?

AHH!

NO. THAT ISN'T IT. PERHAPS IT'S SOMETHING YOU DO...

...WHEN YOU **CHANGE** FROM YOUR ANIMAL FORM INTO YOUR HUMAN ONE?

YES. SCANS OF THAT WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.

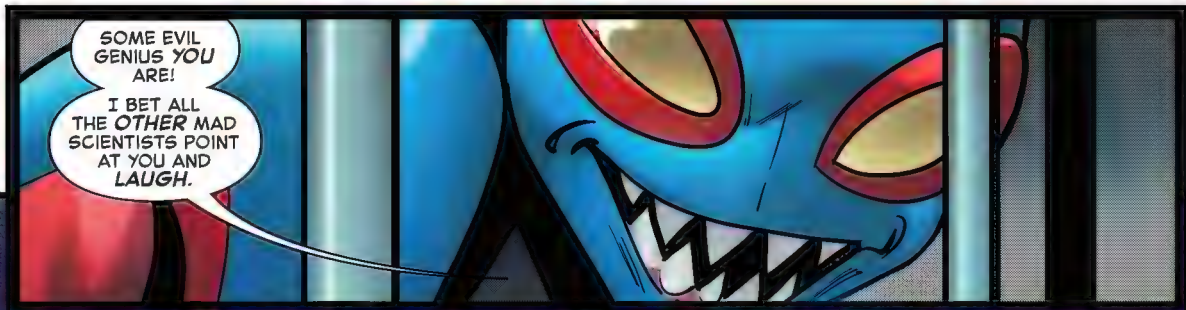
DO IT FOR ME NOW, CHILD. SPIT-SPOT! **CHANGE.**

WAIT. YOU DON'T HAVE ANY SCANS OF THAT, DO YOU?

ALL THOSE HUMANIMALS YOU'VE MADE, AND I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN CHANGE!

YOU ONLY PULLED THAT OFF ONCE. AND NOW YOU CAN'T REMEMBER HOW.

HA! YOU SUCK!



SOME EVIL
GENIUS YOU
ARE!

I BET ALL
THE *OTHER* MAD
SCIENTISTS POINT
AT YOU AND
LAUGH.



QUITE
FRANKLY,
MADAME, YOU
DISGUST
ME.

OTHER MAD
SCIENTISTS...

THE HIGH EVOLUTIONARY, MADAME M.'S FAVORITE
SCIENTIST, SAID THAT TO HER TWO ISSUES AGO. --ELLIE



YOU SILLY CHILD,
I AM MADAME
MONSTROSITY.



**NOBODY
LAUGHS
AT ME!**

GAAHH!

CRACK Z Z



MY DEAREST HUSBAND, I PROMISE.

I'LL HAVE YOU BACK TO NORMAL IN NO TIME. YOU'LL SEE.

HOO!

OF COURSE YOU WILL, MY LOVE!

YOU LIED! YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO CHANGE US BACK!

AND YOU NEVER DID!

GET HER!

LIAR!

LIAR!

LIAR!

GNHH!

MY SPIDER-SENSE! IT--IT--IT'S SHOWING ME...

...YOU'RE IN DANGER!



THAT'S A FIRST!

THANKS FOR THE LOVE TAP WITH SOMETHING YOU TOUCHED.

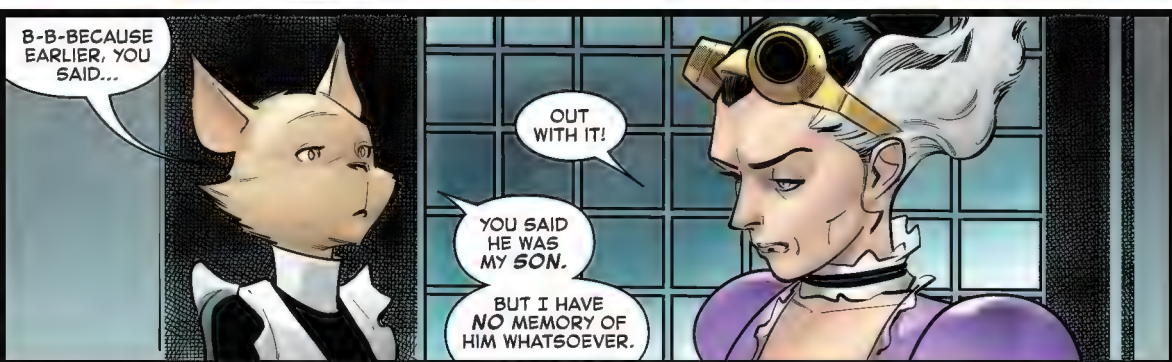
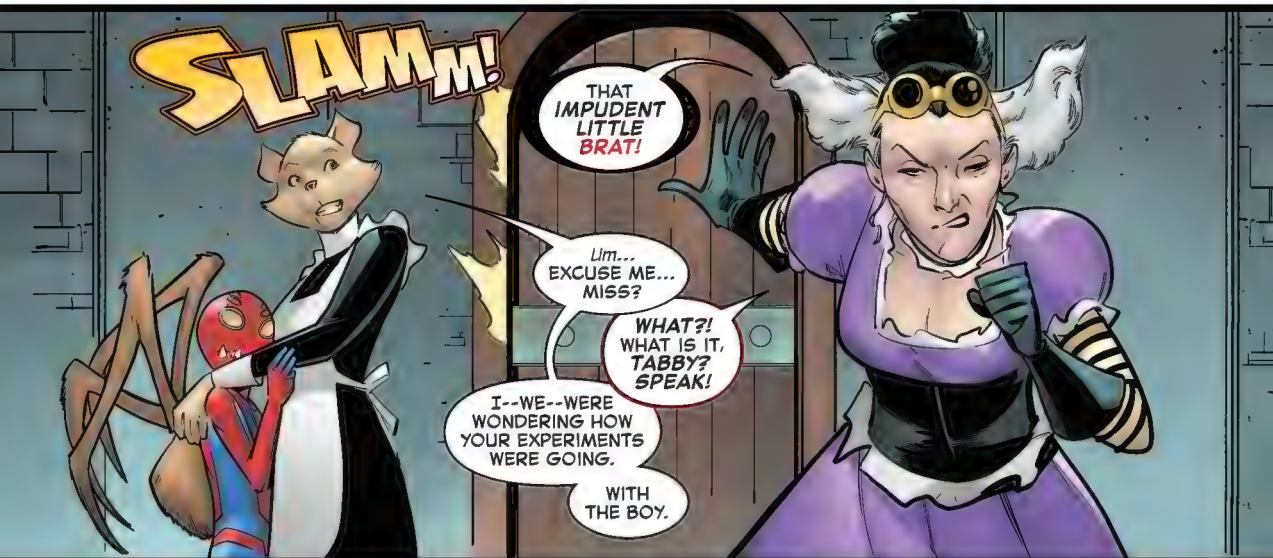


DR. STILLWELL, YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET, BUT YOU'RE IN FOR A WORLD OF TROUBLE...

...AND THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN HELP YOU IS ME.

BAH! YOU EXPECT ME TO BELIEVE THAT I NEED YOU?!

OKAY. DON'T. YOUR FUNERAL.





IS THAT
MS. TABBY? THE
MISTRESS' HANDMAID?
WHAT'S SHE DOING
OUT HERE?

KEEP YOUR
EYES ON YOUR
WORK!

EXCUSE
ME. NUMBER 23?
UM... "CHRISTINA,"
WAS IT?

YEAH. CAN
THIS WAIT? I'M
ALMOST DONE.



I CAME TO
TELL YOU...
YOUR FRIEND,
SPIDER-BOY...

BAY-LEE.

...MADAME M. IS
PLANNING SOMETHING
AWFUL. YOU HAVE TO
SAVE HIM!

AND GET
HIM AS FAR
AWAY AS
POSSIBLE!

DON'T
WORRY.



COO!
COO!
COO!

MY PARTNERS
AND I ARE
ALREADY ON IT.



WE CAN
TAKE IT FROM
HERE.

THANK
YOU FOR YOUR
TWEETS,
CHRISTINA.

THEY
WERE MORE
LIKE COOS.

COO!



WE HAVE
INTRUDERS,
DR. STILLWELL!

FAR WORSE THAN
THAT, MR. BOBO!
WE HAVE--

--SELF-RIGHTEOUS,
SUPER-POWERED
DO-GOODERS!

DON'T TELL
ME--YOU'RE HERE
FOR YOUR PRECIOUS
LITTLE SIDEKICK?!



VILE WOMAN!
THAT BOY IS NO
MERE SIDEKICK!

HE'S A
HERO!

A
FRIEND!

A
PARTNER!

A
MENTOR!

CHRRT!

AND, MOST
IMPORTANTLY,
HE'S JUST A
REALLY
GOOD KID!



UGH. ALL OF
YOU--YOU ARE
THE ABSOLUTE
WORST!

HUMANIMALS,
ATTACK!



SO BE IT!
HAVE AT THEE, FOUL
CREATURES!

FOR
SPIDER-
BOY!

WELL
SAID,
THOR!

SQUEE!

K-CHUK

GORILLA IN
A TIE. CROC WITH
A FLAMETHROWER.
MOUSE WITH A
SHOTGUN.

YUP. WE'RE IN
THE RIGHT PLACE.
THIS'S A SPIDER-BOY
ADVENTURE
ALL RIGHT.

IT'S THIS WAY,
CHRISTINA,
BUT...

...I'M HAVING
SECOND THOUGHTS.
IF WE DISOBEY
MADAME M....

...SHE'LL NEVER
TURN US BACK INTO
NORMAL HUMANS
AGAIN.

YEAH? WHO
CARES?

SPIDER-BOY--
BAILEY--IS MY
FRIEND. HELPING
HIM IS THE RIGHT
THING TO DO!

AND HE'D DO
THAT FOR ME--
FOR YOU--FOR
ANYBODY!



OH DEAR...
YOU'RE RIGHT. I--
I SHOULD'VE
DONE THIS
SOONER.
THAT
POOR
CHILD.

BROTHER?

BAILEY,
ARE YOU
OKAY?

YEAH.
I AM
NOW.

CAN
YOU GET
ME OUTTA
HERE?

OF COURSE. I'VE
WORKED ALONGSIDE
THE MISTRESS LONG
ENOUGH...



...TO KNOW
WHICH OF
THESE BUTTONS
TO PUSH.

EASY. I'VE
GOT YOU.

THANKS
FOR OPENING
THE CAGE...
MOM.

PLEASE
DON'T SAY
THAT. I--
IT UPSETS
BOY-
SPIDER.

MAMA.



I'M SORRY. I KNOW THAT MUST
REALLY STING, BUT...

...WE'LL WORK
ALL OF THIS OUT ONCE
WE ARE FAR AWAY FROM
THIS PLACE.

NO.
WE'RE NOT
GOING.

I GOT A READING
OFF MADAME
MONSTROSITY.

I KNOW
HOW TO PUT
HER INTO
DANGER.



THAT DOESN'T SOUND
LIKE HOW YOU *SHOULD*
BE USING YOUR
SPIDER-SENSE.

IT'S
NOT.





IT'S ALL
HAPPENING...

... "A WORLD
OF TROUBLE,"
JUST LIKE THAT
INSUFFERABLE
BRAT SAID.

OW--
OINK!



POPPYCOCK!

THIS IS NOT
HOW IT ENDS!
NOT FOR THE
LIKES OF ME!



NOT WHILE I CAN STILL TAKE
MATTERS INTO MY OWN
HANDS!

COMPUTER!
INITIATE
DOOMSDAY
SCENARIO
OMEGA!

BUT,
MADAME...

YOU
HEARD
ME!



GENE-
SPLICER, TURN
ALL SAFETIES
OFF!

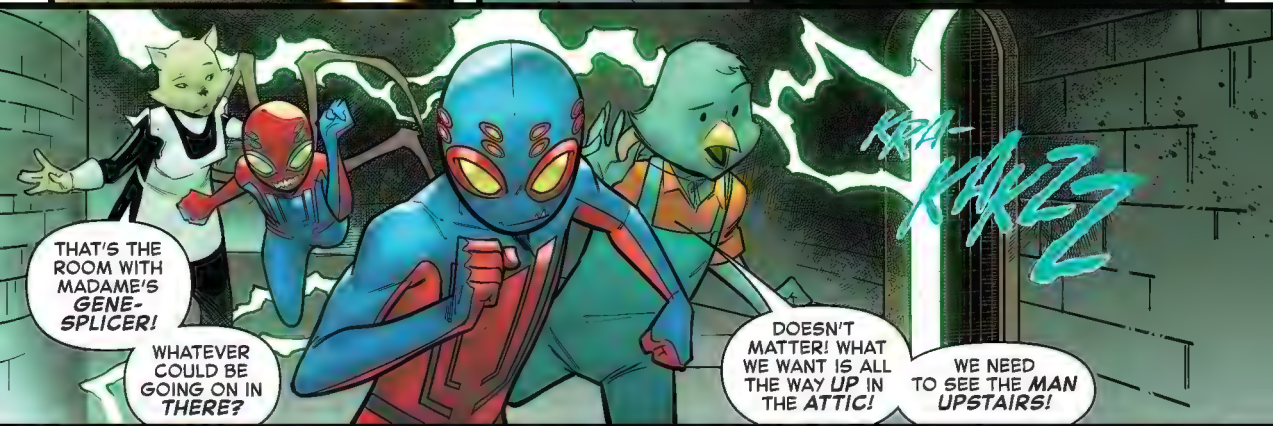


BEGIN
KITCHEN SINK
PROTOCOL!

DOCTOR,
HEAL
THYSELF!

LUCKOO.
LUCKOO.

BAAA.



THAT'S THE
ROOM WITH
MADAME'S
GENE-
SPLICER!

WHATEVER
COULD BE
GOING ON IN
THERE?

DOESN'T
MATTER! WHAT
WE WANT IS ALL
THE WAY UP IN
THE ATTIC!

WE NEED
TO SEE THE MAN
UPSTAIRS!



CHRISTINA.

MO--
um--TABBY.
HOLD ON!

BOY-SPIDER,
FOLLOW ME.
WE'LL GET THERE
FASTER IF WE GO
THIS WAY.

AGREED.

I'VE
CLEANED
EVERY FLOOR
OF MY LADY'S
HOUSE...



...EXCEPT
THIS ONE. I
HAVE NO IDEA
WHAT SHE HAS
IN THERE.

I DO.

WHATEVER
IT IS, SHE'S
GOT HELLFINO
GUARDING IT.

HE'S LIKE
A HUNDRED
TIMES STRONGER
THAN YOU.



THAT'S
IT, THEN.
IT'S OVER.

SSS!

AFTER
EVERYTHING
MADAME M.
PUT YOU
THROUGH...

...THERE'S
NO WAY
YOU'RE GETTING
PAST HIM.

I KNOW.
BUT I
HAVE TO.

NO, YOU
DON'T.

AWROO!

WE
HAVE HIM,
BROTHER!

OH
MY!

GO!

BUT I'M
SPIDER-BOY!
SHOULDN'T I BE
DOING THAT?!

YOU ARE, BAILEY.
THIS IS YOUR REAL
SUPER-POWER...

...ALL THE
FRIENDS YOU
MAKE ALONG THE
WAY. GOOD
LUCK!

KNOCK
KNOCK!

C'MON. I
KNOW YOU'RE
IN HERE. AND I
KNOW YOU'RE
DYING TO
SAY IT.

SKREEE!

NOPE.
YOU'RE
NOT WHO I'M
LOOKING
FOR.





THE LAST
THING YOU SHALL
EVER SEE!
CALL ME...

...THE MONSTROSITY!

AVENGERS
ASSEMBLE!

GUYS! LISTEN
TO HER! THAT'S THE
NASTY LADY FROM
BEFORE!

SHE'S DOING
THE THING WHERE
EVIL QUEENS TURN
INTO GIANT
MONSTERS!

I'VE ALWAYS
WANTED TO FIGHT ONE
OF THOSE!



NOW SHE'S GOT ME!
IT'S LIKE I'M A PRINCESS! OR A KNIGHT!
THIS'S AMAZING!

DOREEN, GET SERIOUS! SHE JUST TOOK OUT THOR!

GNN! AND TWO OF MY RIBS!

FWASH



I HAVE THE POWER OF EVERY ANIMAL!
YOU SHALL ALL FALL BEFORE ME! FOR I AM--

ONE BIG OL' STINKING LIAR.

I KNOW YOUR *SECRET*, MELODIA STILLWELL. AND I'M GONNA STOP YOU BY TELLING EVERYONE!



SHE KEPT ALL OF YOU WORKING FOR HER AND DOING WHATEVER SHE'D TELL YA...

...BECAUSE SHE PROMISED SHE COULD CHANGE YOU BACK.

JUST LIKE SHE TURNED HER HUSBAND BACK TO NORMAL.

EXCEPT SHE DIDN'T, DID SHE, JEREMY?

NO. SHE DIDN'T.

WE NEVER DID FIGURE OUT HOW TO PROPERLY REVERSE THE PROCESS.

I'M SORRY, MY LOVE, BUT THEY HAVE US DEAD TO RIGHTS.

HOO!



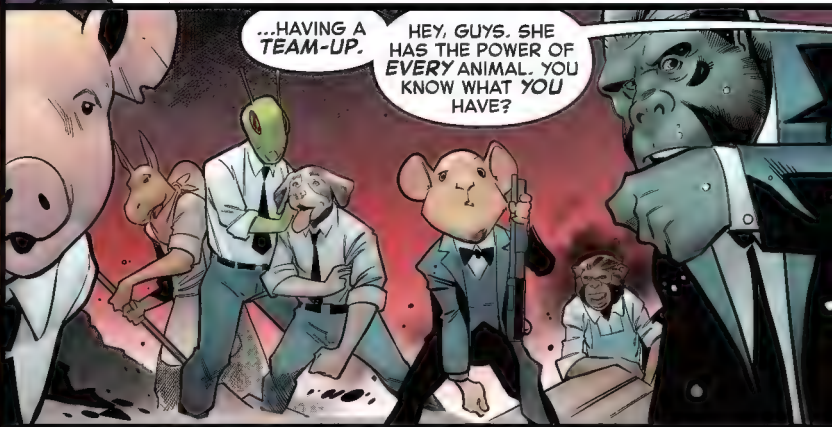
FINE! I
LIED TO ALL
OF YOU!

THERE IS
NO FIX. WHAT
DO I CARE?

I AM
ALL-POWERFUL
NOW! NOTHING
CAN STOP ME!



WRONG. I
CAN STOP YOU
BY DOING WHAT
I DO BEST...



...HAVING A
TEAM-UP.

HEY, GUYS. SHE
HAS THE POWER OF
EVERY ANIMAL. YOU
KNOW WHAT YOU
HAVE?



THE POWER OF
EVERY ANIMAL
COMBINED!

AND THE
POWER OF EVERY
AVENGER!

SEE, TODAY, I
LEARNED I'VE GOT THE
BEST SUPER-POWER
OF 'EM ALL...

...AND
THAT'S ALL THE
FRIENDS I MAKE
ALONG THE WAY.

IT'S YOUR
CHOICE. YOU CAN
STAND DOWN--OR
STAND AGAINST
ME.



STUFF AND NONSENSE! WHY, JUST LOOK AT ME!

I CAN DO ANYTHING! I--I CAN--

I'M SORRY, DEAREST. WE HAD A GOOD RUN, BUT IT'S TIME TO LET GO.

NOW, WHAT SAY WE PUT ALL OUR HEADS TOGETHER AND FIX EVERYONE?

AND YOU TOO.

C'MON. THAT'S THE BEST DEAL YOU'RE GONNA GET.



NO, IT IS NOT. DR. STILLWELL, YOU INTRIGUE ME.

WILL YOU JOIN ME IN MY STUDIES?

I KNOW THAT VOICE!



THIS IS YOUR LAST CHANCE. WHAT SAY YOU?

YES, I'LL GO WITH YOU! BUT PLEASE GET ME OUT OF HERE NOW!



AS YOU

Huh. SO THAT'S IT?

DID WE JUST WIN?

YEAH. SURE. THE BAD GUY WENT POOF, AND YOU'RE STANDING ARMS AKIMBO.

TAKE THE W, KID.



FAR, FAR AWAY.

The hidden lair of the High Evolutionary.



DOCTOR
WYNDHAM,
THIS IS AN
HONOR, SIR.

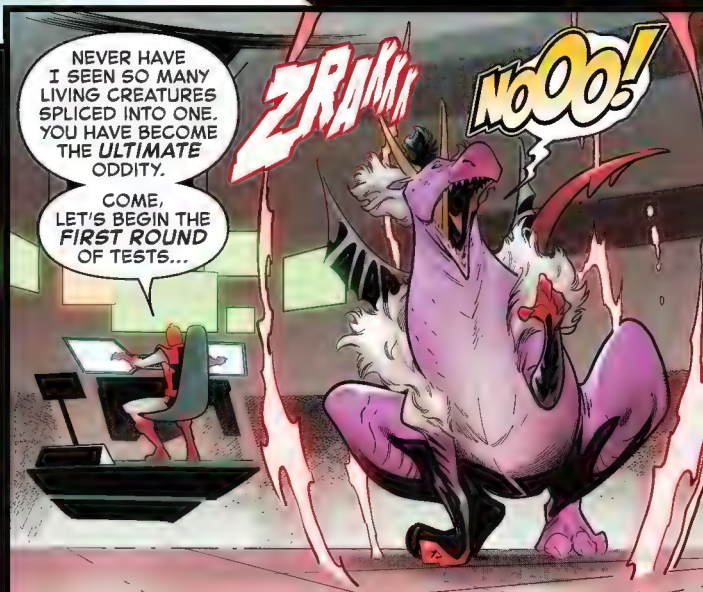
I KNEW
YOU WOULD
CHANGE YOUR MIND
ABOUT ME--AND
MY WORK!

NO.
THAT IS
NOT IT AT
ALL.



WHAT IS THE
MEANING OF
THIS?!

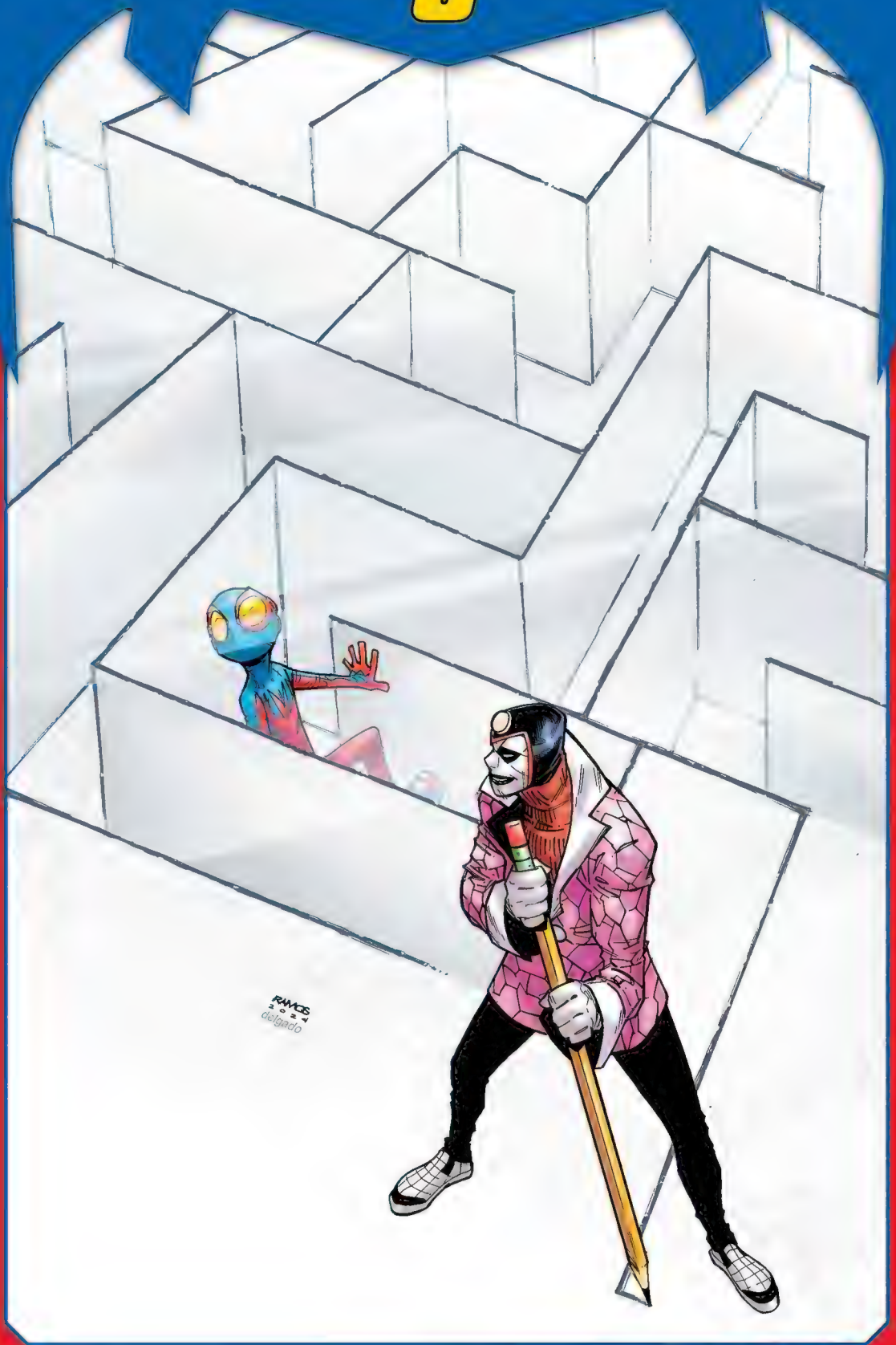
I HAVE NO
DESIRE TO WORK
WITH YOU. I WISH
TO WORK ON YOU.



NEVER HAVE
I SEEN SO MANY
LIVING CREATURES
SPliced INTO ONE.
YOU HAVE BECOME
THE ULTIMATE
ODDITY.

COME,
LET'S BEGIN THE
FIRST ROUND
OF TESTS...

ZRAKK
NoOo!



"FUN & GAMES"

STILLWELL FARMS.

Home to Madame Monstrosity's recently freed lab experiments, **THE HUMANIMALS**.



WE'VE FINISHED
RECONSTRUCTING
MADAME M.'S
TRANSFORMATION
CHAMBER,
SPIDER-MAN.

ARE YOU
POSITIVE YOU CAN
USE IT TO REVERSE
HER PROCESS AND
MAKE US HUMAN
AGAIN?

YUP! THE
TRICK IS TO
SCAN FOR
"DNA"...

...AND
THEN FLIP
THAT UNTIL
IT SPELLS
"AND."

QUERY:
ARE YOU
SERIOUS?



SPIDER-BOY, WHAT'S GOING
ON? WHY WOULD HE JOKE
AT A TIME LIKE THIS?

IT'S JUST
SOMETHING
SPIDEY DOES TO
LIGHTEN THE
MOOD.

THEY'RE
GONNA FIX
THIS! FOR REAL!
YOU'LL SEE!

HOW?
MADAME M.
TURNED MOST OF
US INTO FREAKS
YEARS AGO!

IN ALL THAT TIME,
SHE COULDN'T FIGURE
OUT HOW TO SWITCH US BACK.
WHY IS TODAY SO SPECIAL?

BECAUSE WE'VE GOT THE **GREATEST** HUMAN, ANIMAL, AND HUMANIMAL MINDS WORKING ON THIS!

LIKE MADAME MONSTROSITY'S HUSBAND, **DR. JEREMY STILLWELL**.

TRUST ME. THIS WILL ALL GO OFF WITHOUT A **HOOT--**

--**AHEM--**

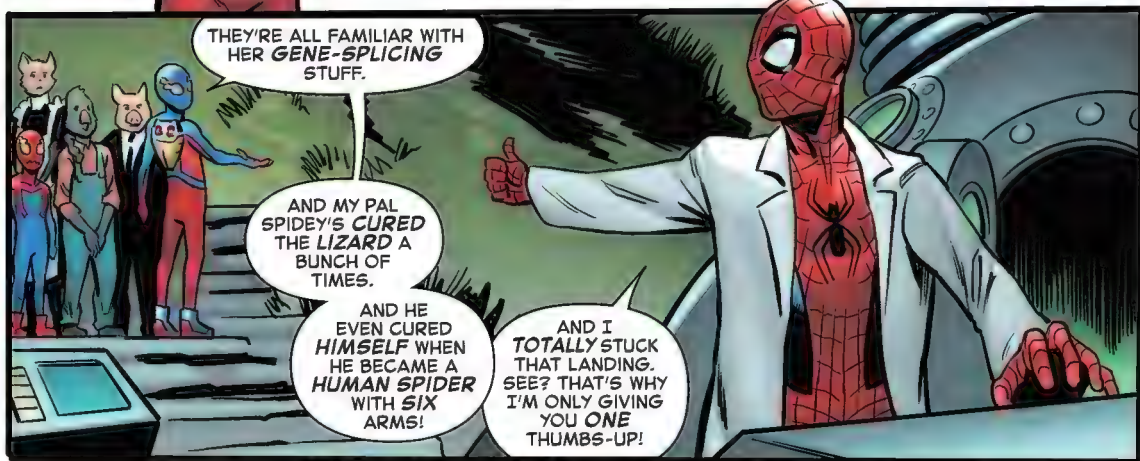
--WITHOUT A **HITCH**.



AND MADAME M.'S LAB ASSISTANTS, **MR. CRICKET...**



...AND **MR. SQUEAKERTON**.



THEY'RE ALL FAMILIAR WITH HER **GENE-SPLICING** STUFF.

AND MY PAL **SPIDEY'S** CURED THE **LIZARD** A BUNCH OF TIMES.

AND HE EVEN CURED **HIMSELF** WHEN HE BECAME A **HUMAN SPIDER** WITH **SIX** ARMS!

AND I **TOTALLY** STUCK THAT **LANDING**. SEE? THAT'S WHY I'M ONLY GIVING YOU **ONE** THUMBS-UP!

AND **BEST** OF ALL, THE **TOY SOLDIER'S** BEEN ON THE CASE!

AND HE'S GOT THE **ABILITIES** OF EVERY **AVENGER...**

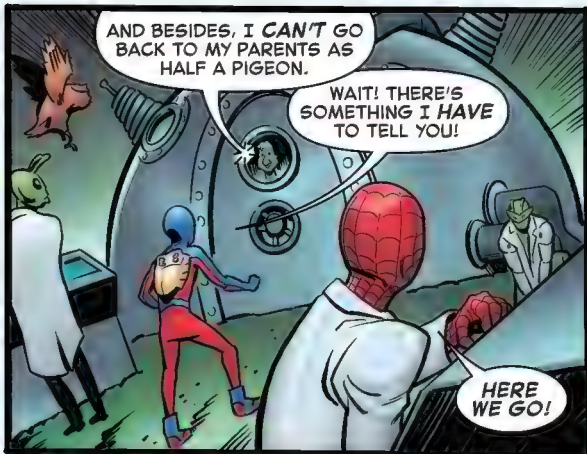
...INCLUDING THE **SCIENTIFIC** GENIUS OF **ANT-MAN**, **IRON MAN**, AND THE **BEAST!**

GUESS ALL YOU NEED NOW IS YOUR **FIRST** VOLUNTEER. I'LL DO IT!

CHRISTINA? ARE YOU **SURE?**

HEY, YOU SAID IT'LL WORK. YOU'RE MY **FRIEND**. AND I **TRUST** YOU.

AFFIRMATIVE!





WELL,
NOT EXACTLY
HOW I WAS.

LIKE I
DON'T THINK I'LL
EVER BE ABLE TO EAT
CHICKEN OR DUCK
AGAIN. OR ANY
KIND OF BIRD.

HA! WELL,
I DON'T THINK
I'LL HAVE *THAT*
PROBLEM...

...BECAUSE
I'VE NEVER
WANTED TO EAT
SPIDERS.

THE ANSWER TO LAST
PAGE'S PUZZLE: 1C, 2D, 3A,
AND 4B. --ELLIE



WAIT. SO YOU'RE
GOING TO USE
THIS THING
TOO?

YOU
WANT TO
UN-SPIDER
YOURSELF?

YEAH! I JUST WANT A
NORMAL LIFE.

NO MORE
MONSTERING OUT.
OR GETTING PSYCHIC
FLASHES ALL
THE TIME.

I JUST
WANNA BE
BAILEY BRIGGS
AGAIN.

Um...



I'M SORRY, KIDDO.
BUT I DON'T THINK THIS
PROCESS WILL WORK
ON YOU?

WHY
NOT?

BOY-SPIDER.
THE REST
OF YOUR HUMAN
DNA IS *INSIDE* HIM.
PUTTING ALL
OF YOU BACK
TOGETHER...

...WOULD
MEAN
PULLING HIM
APART.



WELL, *THAT* IS NOT
HAPPENING!

MAMA?

BUT THE
ONLY REASON YOU
FEEL THAT WAY...



...IS BECAUSE YOU'RE MY
MOM. AND THERE'S SOME
OF ME IN THERE.

YOU DON'T
REMEMBER ME NOW,
BUT MAYBE YOU WILL WHEN
YOU CHANGE BACK.

YOU *DO*
WANNA BE
HUMAN AGAIN,
DON'T YOU?

I DO.
BUT THAT
WOON'T CHANGE
HOW I FEEL.
I PROMISE.



WE'LL SEE.

DON'T GO.

DON'T WORRY. EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT. WON'T IT, SPIDER-MAN?

ABSOLUTELY. YOU CAN TRUST ME. I'M WEARING A LAB COAT.

C'MON. C'MON. C'MON.

PLEASE WORK.



IT--IT'S JUST LIKE YOU SAID. I'M MYSELF AGAIN!

I'M HUMAN!

MEOW!!



THAT CAT! IT WAS A PART OF ME...

NOT ANYMORE.

I LIKE YOU TOO!



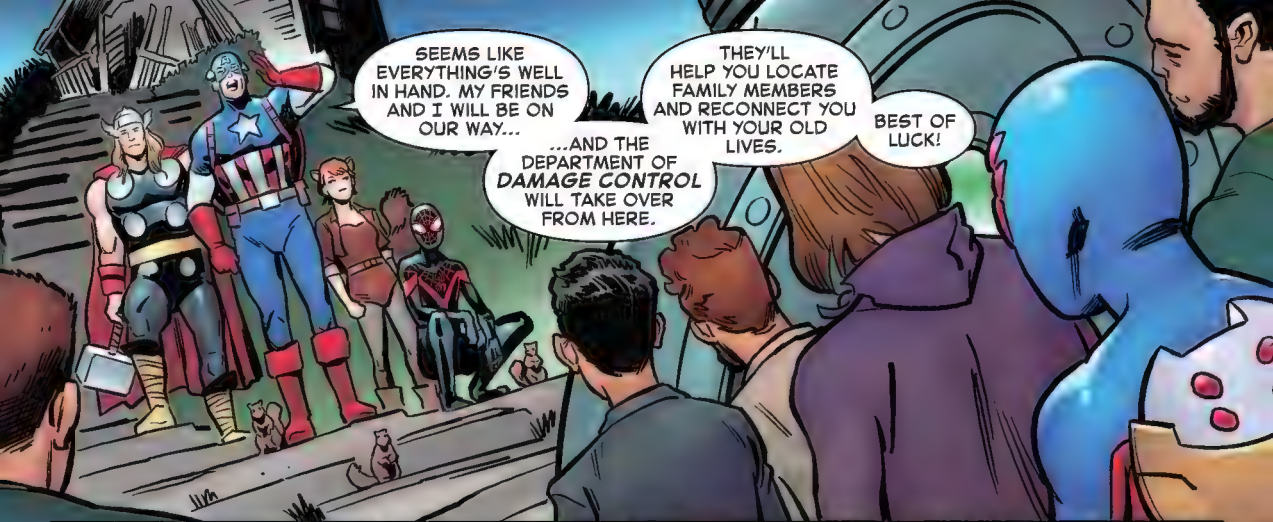
NOW THAT IT'S JUST US TWO, YOU CAN SAY IT.

YOU KNOW ME. PLEASE.



I WISH I COULD, BUT...

...I HAVE NO MEMORY OF YOU. I'M SORRY.



SEEMS LIKE EVERYTHING'S WELL IN HAND. MY FRIENDS AND I WILL BE ON OUR WAY...

THEY'LL HELP YOU LOCATE FAMILY MEMBERS AND RECONNECT YOU WITH YOUR OLD LIVES.

BEST OF LUCK!

...AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DAMAGE CONTROL WILL TAKE OVER FROM HERE.



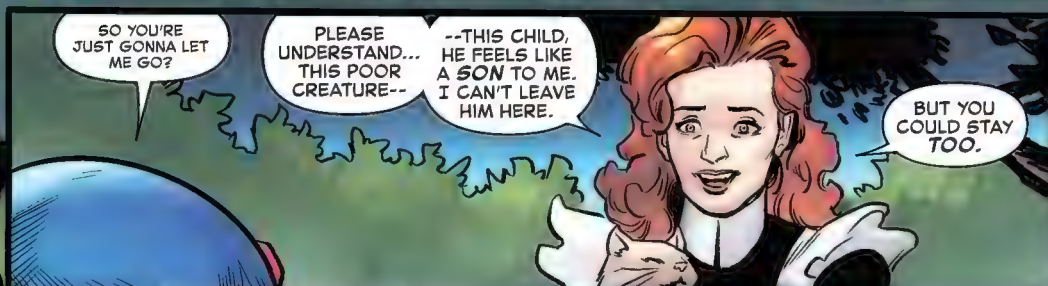
WE'RE HEADING BACK TO THE CITY...

...ARE YOU COMING?

I DON'T KNOW. THERE'S NO "CURE" FOR BOY-SPIDER.

OR FOR ME. SO FAR.

OR FOR ANYONE WITH TWO ANIMALS SPLICED INTO THEM. Hmph.



SO YOU'RE JUST GONNA LET ME GO?

PLEASE UNDERSTAND... THIS POOR CREATURE--

--THIS CHILD, HE FEELS LIKE A SON TO ME. I CAN'T LEAVE HIM HERE.

BUT YOU COULD STAY TOO.



BAILEY? WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO? STAY HERE?

OR COME BACK WITH US? YOU KNOW YOU'RE LIKE A BROTHER TO ME.

AND YOU DID MAKE ONE HECK OF A SIDEKICK!

AGREED! FOR EVERY SUPER HERO!

LOOK AT ALL THE SUPER-FRIENDS YOU MADE!

IN, LIKE, NO TIME AT ALL!

YEAH. PRACTICALLY EVERYBODY I HAD A TEAM-UP WITH IS HERE. EXCEPT SANTA.

THAT COULD NOT BE HELPED. FOR HE HIBERNATES NOW, AND LIES DEEP IN HIS SANTA-SLEEP.



OF COURSE!
THE **PRESENT**
SANTA GAVE ME AT
CHRISTMAS!

THAT
FRAMED PICTURE
OF YOU AND
YOUR MOM?

IT'S **PROOF**
SHE'S MY MOM!
AND IT'S **MAGIC!** IF
SHE **SEES** IT, MAYBE
SHE'LL REMEMBER
ME!

IT'S BACK
AT THE **F.E.A.S.T.**
CENTER! WE GOTTA
GO GET IT!

BYE! AND
THANKS AGAIN
FOR **ALL** OF
YOUR HELP!

IT'S ALL
GOOD...MRS.
BRIGGS.

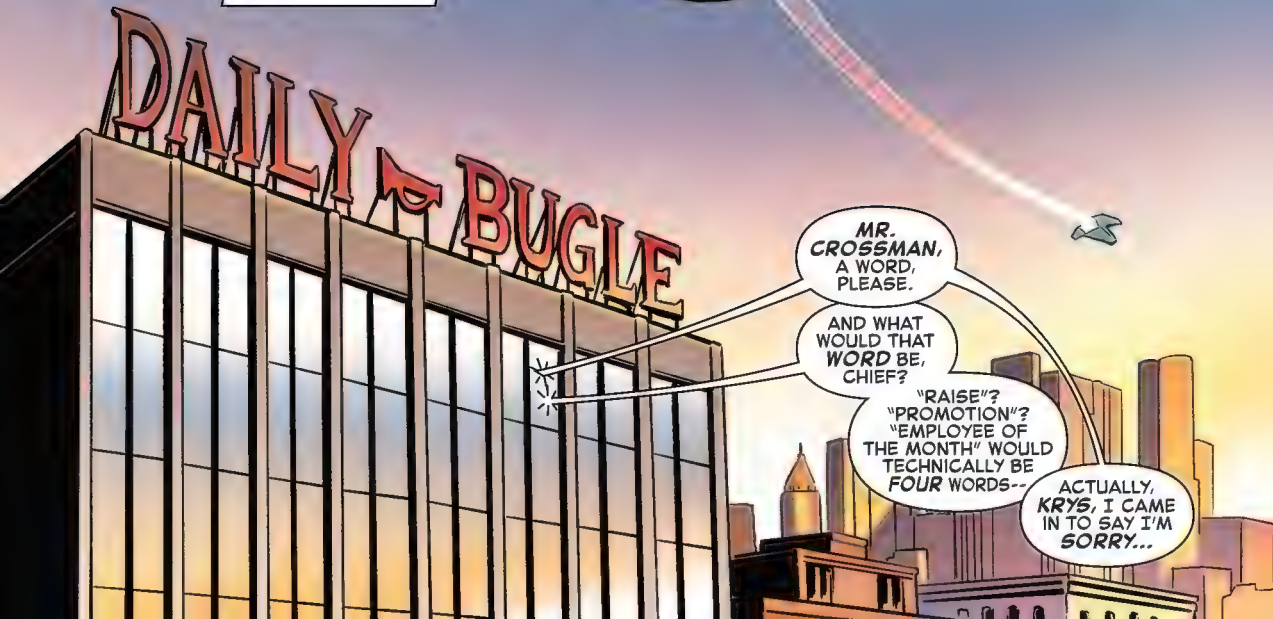
WHATEVER
YOU DO, DON'T
GO ANYWHERE,
OKAY? SEE
YOU SOON!

MANHATTAN,
CAP, AND STEP ON
IT, PLEASE.

AYE AYE,
SPIDER-BOY.
EVERYONE, STRAP
YOURSELF IN.

WE SHOULD
BE BACK IN THE
CITY IN NO TIME
AT ALL!

MIDTOWN.
Not much later.

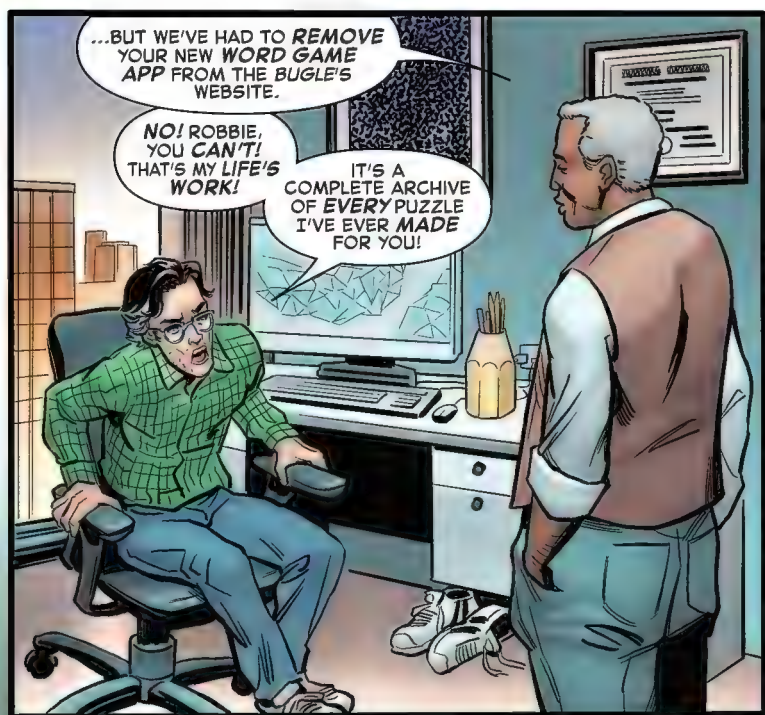


MR.
CROSSMAN,
A WORD,
PLEASE.

AND WHAT
WOULD THAT
WORD BE,
CHIEF?

"RAISE"?
"PROMOTION"?
"EMPLOYEE OF
THE MONTH" WOULD
TECHNICALLY BE
FOUR WORDS--

ACTUALLY,
KRYS, I CAME
IN TO SAY I'M
SORRY...



...BUT WE'VE HAD TO **REMOVE** YOUR NEW **WORD GAME APP** FROM THE **BUGLE'S** WEBSITE.

NO! ROBBIE, YOU CAN'T! THAT'S MY LIFE'S WORK!

IT'S A COMPLETE ARCHIVE OF **EVERY PUZZLE** I'VE EVER **MADE** FOR YOU!



SORRY, BUT YOUR APP'S GLITCHING. UNTIL IT'S **DEBUGGED...**

...IT HAS TO **STAY OFF** OUR SITE. **NOTHING PERSONAL, KRY'S.**

OF COURSE NOT.

BECAUSE **KRY'S CROSSMAN** DOESN'T HAVE **ANY ENEMIES...**

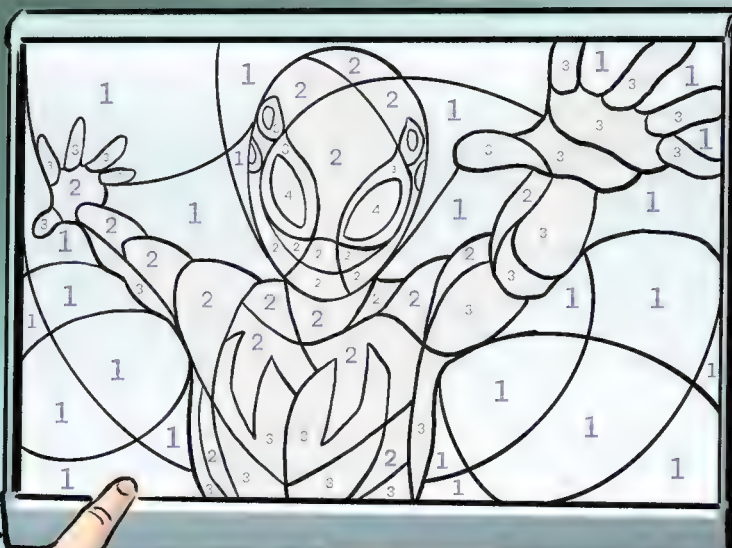
...BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO'D WANT **REVENGE** ON ME AS **PUZZLE MAN!**

YES, THAT WAS **ME** ON PAGE THREE... **PUZZLE MAN!**

USUALLY, I'M THE ONE **HAVING FUN** AND **PLAYING TRICKS** ON NEW YORK'S SO-CALLED **SUPER HEROES.**

BUT THIS TIME, SOMEONE'S **MESSING WITH ME!** WANT TO **HELP ME** FIGURE OUT WHO IS **MAKING MY APP CRASH?**

GRAB FOUR COLORED PENS AND **RUN A SCAN** ON MY FILES! THIS SHOULD SHOW US **WHO IS RESPONSIBLE!**



YOU?! WHAT'VE YOU **DONE TO MY APP?!** AND WHY WOULD YOU **BE OUT TO GET ME?**

IT'S LIKE **EVERY CLUE** RELATED TO YOU HAS BEEN **ERASED!** BUT **HOW?!**



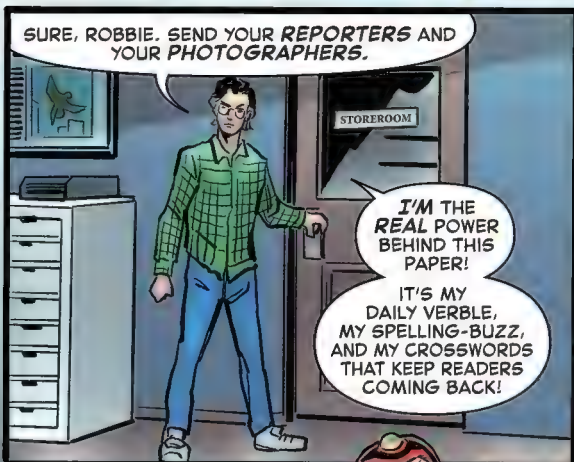
I WANT EVERYONE'S ATTENTION. WE'VE JUST GOT A TIP THAT **SPIDER-BOY** HAS BEEN SPOTTED!

HE'S HEADING TOWARD THE **F.E.A.S.T. CENTER**. I WANT REPORTERS DOWN THERE **STAT**.

SPIDER-MAN SAYS THE **BUGLE** HASN'T BEEN GIVING THE KID A FAIR SHOT. IT'S TIME TO **FIX** THAT.

WHATEVER HE'S UP TO, I WANT THE **FULL STORY**. WELL? WHAT'RE YOU STANDING AROUND FOR? **GO!**

THE HIDDEN IMAGE FROM THE PREVIOUS PAGE WAS A PIC OF **SPIDER-BOY**. --ELLIE



SURE, **ROBBIE**. SEND YOUR **REPORTERS** AND YOUR **PHOTOGRAPHERS**.

I'M THE **REAL POWER** BEHIND THIS PAPER!

IT'S MY **DAILY VERBLE**, MY **SPELLING-BUZZ**, AND MY **CROSSWORDS** THAT KEEP READERS COMING BACK!



AND WHILE IN THE PAST, I'VE HAD MY **FUN...**

...USING MY **POWERS** TO PLAY WITH HEROES LIKE **SPIDER-BOY...**



...NOW, HE'S MADE IT **PERSONAL!**

HE'S **THREATENING EVERYTHING** I HOLD DEAR--MY **BELOVED GAMES!**

WATCH OUT, **WEB-LESS WONDER!** YOU'RE ABOUT TO LEARN THAT YOU DON'T PLAY WITH **PUZZLE MAN!**

PUZZLE MAN PLAYS WITH **YOU!**

THE FEAST CENTER.





NEXT STOP:
BACK TO STILLWELL
MANOR AND
MY MO--

SCRITCHA
SKRATCHA



WHOOAAA!



LOOKS LIKE YOU
DROPPED SOMETHING,
BUG BOY.

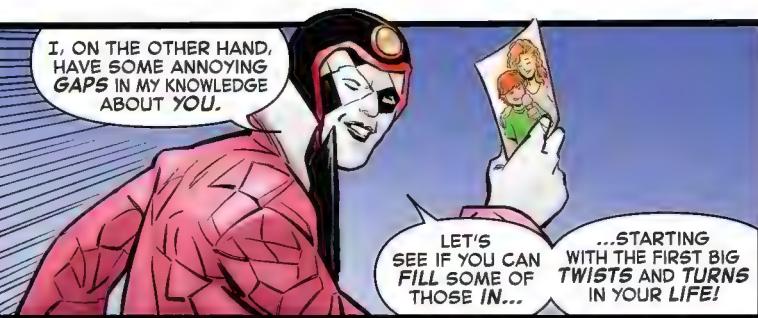
**PUZZLE
MAN?!**
WHAT ARE YOU
DOING HERE?
GIVE IT **BACK!**

SEEMS PRETTY
IMPORTANT TO YOU,
CHAMP. I GUESS IF
YOU **REALLY** WANT
IT, YOU'LL HAVE
TO--

NO!
I DON'T HAVE
TIME FOR YOU
OR YOUR **STUPID**
GAMES! **NOT**
TODAY!



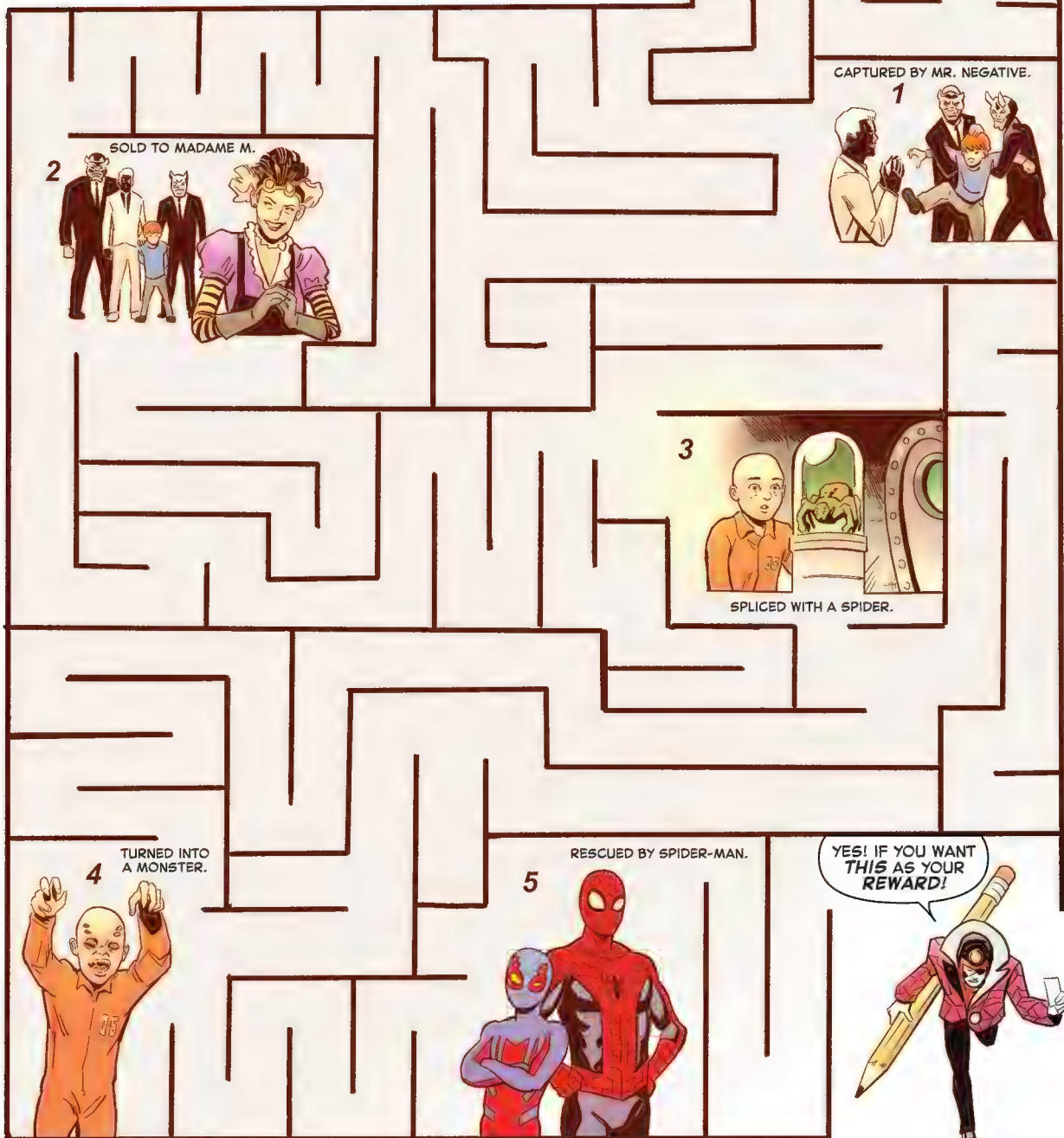
Hmm.
IT **APPEARS**
YOU KNOW ALL
ABOUT ME.



START
HERE

Fun & Games

with ... THE PUZZLE MAN



NOPE.
I'VE
DECIDED.

I AM NOT
DEALING WITH
THIS NONSENSE
TODAY.

LIKE, WHY
SHOULD I RUN
THROUGH YOUR
MAZE...

...WHEN I
CAN LEAP LIKE
A SPIDER?

CHEATER!

SO THAT'S HOW IT'S
GOING TO BE? VERY WELL.
BUT KNOW THIS...

...EVERY TIME
YOU BREAK ONE
OF MY RULES,
YOU GET A
PENALTY...

 SINCE SPIDER-BOY DIDN'T SOLVE IT,
YOU'LL HAVE TO SEND US YOUR SOLUTIONS TO
THE MAZE FOR THE NEXT BAILEY BUGLE! --MR

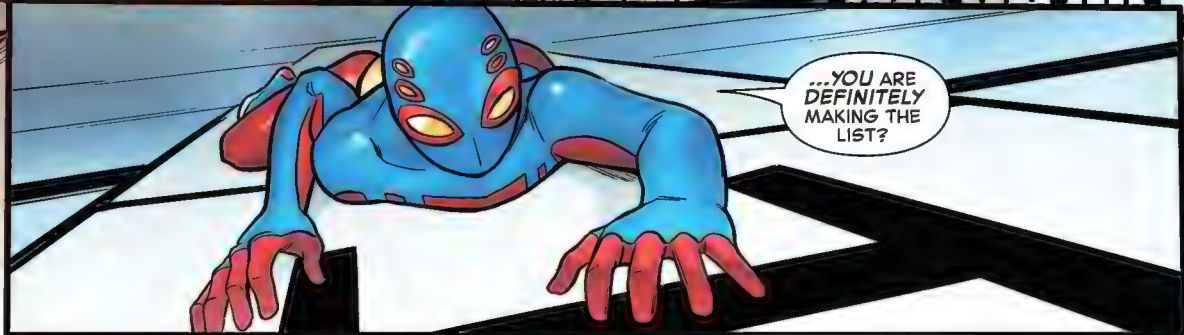
...AND MY
MAGIC ERASER
TAKES AWAY PART
OF YOUR
PRIZE.

AHH! YOU
WIN! I'LL PLAY
YOUR GAMES!
WHATEVER
YOU WANT!

JUST DON'T
DO THAT
AGAIN.
OKAY?



- EXTRA CLUES: THESE SPIDER-BOY BAD GUYS APPEARED IN...**
- | | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. SPIDER-BOY #1. | 2. SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN #1. |
| 3. SPIDER-MAN #11. | 4. SPIDER-MAN #9 and #10. |
| 5. SPIDER-BOY #3. | 6. SPIDER-BOY #1 and #2. |
| 7. SPIDER-MAN #11. | 8. AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #31. |
| 9. SPIDER-BOY #1 and #5. | 10. SPIDER-WOMAN #5. |





NOT THAT I'M COMPLAINING,
BUT I GOT WAY MORE
BADDIES THAN THAT.

YOU NEVER
HEARD OF MIRAGE?
SUPERNOVA? SCREWBALL?
WHY'D YOU LEAVE
THEM OUT?

WHAT?
IS YOUR **MAGIC
PENCIL** RUNNING
OUT OF
LEAD?

THAT'S THE
POINT, KID. SOMEHOW,
YOU'RE THE BIGGEST
PUZZLE OF THEM
ALL!

I WANT
ANSWERS! TELL
ME HOW YOU **MADE**
US ALL FORGET
YOU!



WHERE ARE
YOU? SHOW
YOURSELF!

NO.
YOU **FIRST.**
TELL ME.

OR I'LL
DESTROY
MORE OF THIS
PHOTO!

ALL
RIGHT!



THERE'S THIS
MYSTIC DAGGER
AND IT **CUT** ME AND
THREE OTHER SPIDER-
PEOPLE...AND WE ALL
DISAPPEARED!

THEN LATER,
A WIZARDY SPIDER-
LADY, **ARANA**, DID A
SPELL TO BRING US
BACK, BUT WHEN IT
CAME TO ME...

...SHE
WAITED TOO
LONG, AND WHEN I
SHOWED UP, **NO ONE**
REMEMBERED ME.

THAT'S IT!
I **SWEAR!**

A "**MYSTIC
DAGGER**"?
REALLY?

YOU HAVE
A **MAGIC
PENCIL!**

 DID YOU REMEMBER ALL THESE
BAD GUYS ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE?
1. GUTTERBALL. 2. MISTER NEGATIVE.
3. BIG WHEEL. 4. ELECTRO.
5. KILLIONAIRE. 6. BALLOON MAN.
7. ARCADE. 8. MADAME MONSTROSITY.
9. HELLIFIND. 10. RED HERON.



THAT'S
FAIR.

A DEAL'S
A DEAL! SHOW
YOURSELF!

YOU
KNOW HOW
THIS WORKS.
FIRST...
A **GAME!**

HERE ARE
TWO PICTURES
OF THE SCENE YOU
DESCRIBED. SPOT
THE **NUMBER** OF
DIFFERENCES...

...THEN GO
THAT MANY
BLOCKS EAST
AND YOU'LL
FIND ME.

SEVEN
BLOCKS OVER!
SO ARE WE
DONE YET?

- 7 DIFFERENCES:**
- SILK HAS GOGGLES.
 - SPIDER-MAN NOIR HAS A TIE AND A STOVE TOP HAT.
 - ARANA IS HOLDING A FORK INSTEAD OF A KNIFE AND A LOBSTER INSTEAD OF A SPIDER.
 - SPIDER-FRIEND REPLACED SPIDER-MAN.
 - ARMORED SPIDER-MAN HAS A NOSE!

ALMOST THERE,
KID. TRY THIS ONE.
MAKE YOUR WAY
ACROSS MY WORD
SEARCH...

...BY
ONLY WALKING
ALONG THE NAMES
OF YOUR
FRIENDS.

STEP ON
A **WRONG** SPOT,
AND YOU'LL INCUR
A **PENALTY**.

TOO
EASY!

"SPIDER-MAN"
WAS JUST SITTING
THERE ON A LONG
DIAGONAL.

WRONG!
YOU CAN
ONLY SPELL
"SPIDER-MAN"
WITH A
HYPHEN!

YOU
LOSE THIS
ROU--

WHOOOPS!

EW...
DIDN'T MEAN
TO DO
THAT.

AND RIGHT
ACROSS HER
FACE TOO.



PUT IT
BACK!

NOW!



I...uh...
DON'T KNOW
HOW.

I'M
SORRY, KID.
I DIDN'T MEAN
TO...um...



YOU'RE
SORRY?!

NO!
YOU'RE NOT
SORRY AT
ALL!



BUT
YOU WILL
BE!

GRAHHH!

OOKAY,
I THINK WE'RE
DONE FOR THE
DAY.

BYE-EEE!



GOTCHA!

THIS MAGIC
PENCIL'S THE SOURCE
OF ALL YOUR POWER,
RIGHT?!

WONDER
WHAT I COULD
DRAW ON TOP
OF YOU?!

OR WHAT IF I
ERASED YOUR
FACE?!

DON'T!

MAYBE I'LL
JUST RUN YOU
THROUGH!

I TOTALLY
GET IT. I WENT A
LITTLE TOO FAR THIS
TIME, BUT I NEVER
MEANT TO--

PLEASE!
NO!

BUT
SOMETHING
TELLS ME THE BEST
WAY TO MESS
YOU UP--

--IS
THIS!

KRATCH!

WHY...
WHY'D YOU
HAVE TO GO
AND DO
THAT?

GOOD.

NOW YOU
CAN'T HURT
ANYONE ELSE WITH
YOUR STUPID
GAMES.



I DON'T GET IT. DID I DO SOMETHING TO DESERVE THIS?

IS IT BECAUSE I SAID I DON'T WANT TO BE SPIDER-BOY ANYMORE?

THAT I WANT TO BE ME... INSTEAD OF HELPING PEOPLE? IS THAT SO WRONG?

I JUST WANT MY LIFE BACK... AND MY MOM BACK... I JUST WANT...



...SOMEBODY TO FIX THIS.

INSIDE THE SIMMS TOWER.

Current home to the Great Web of Life and Destiny.



I CAN SEE ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES BUT NONE WHERE WE FIND THE EARTH WE'RE LOOKING FOR.

PLEASE, JULIA, KEEP TRYING. ARAÑA, CAN YOUR MYSTIC POWERS DIVINE ANYTHING?

I'M SORRY, SILK. I KNOW THIS NEW SPIDER-FRIEND OF OURS IS COUNTING ON US...

...BUT FOR NOW, I HAVE NO IDEA HOW TO SEND HIM HOME.



WHOEVER HE IS, HE CAN WAIT!

I NEED YOU!

YOU'RE THAT SPIDER-BOY, AREN'T YOU?

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

I KNOW.



ARAÑA! I HEARD THIS'S WHERE I COULD FIND YOU.

YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BROUGHT ME BACK! WELL...

...YOU BROUGHT ME BACK WRONG! AND NOW YOU'RE GONNA FIX IT!



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#5 VARIANT BY
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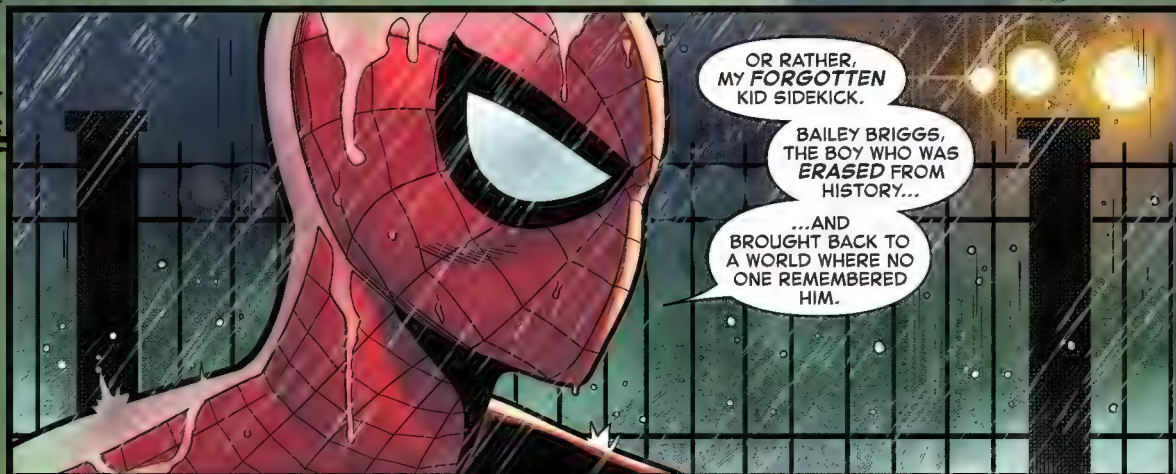
#6 VARIANT BY
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NOW THAT
SPIDER-BOY'S
GONE,
TELL ME...

...DID YOU
BELIEVE HIM?
THAT HE REALLY
WAS WHO HE
SAID HE
WAS?

MY KID
SIDEKICK?



OR RATHER,
MY FORGOTTEN
KID SIDEKICK.

BAILEY BRIGGS,
THE BOY WHO WAS
ERASED FROM
HISTORY...

...AND
BROUGHT BACK TO
A WORLD WHERE NO
ONE REMEMBERED
HIM.



I
KNOW HE
BELIEVED
IT.

MAYBE,
IN THE END,
THAT'S ALL
THAT REALLY
MATTERS.



HERE'S
WHAT I DO
KNOW...

...FROM
THE MOMENT
HE SHOWED UP,
HE GAVE IT
HIS ALL.

HE FOUGHT
THE GOOD FIGHT
AND ALWAYS DID THE
RIGHT THING, NO
MATTER WHAT IT
COST HIM.



HE WAS BARELY
10 YEARS
OLD.

I GOT MY POWERS WHEN
I WAS 15. AND THERE
WAS SO MUCH I HAD
TO LEARN.

AND I WAS
SO FULL OF IT.
CALLING MYSELF
"SPIDER-
MAN."



I WOULDN'T
BE CAUGHT DEAD
CALLING MYSELF
"SPIDER-BOY"....
...OR BEING
ANYONE'S JUNIOR
PARTNER.



WHEN I
TOLD HIM THAT,
YOU KNOW WHAT
HE SAID?

I GET IT.
AND YOU'RE
RIGHT. SPIDER-MAN
DOESN'T NEED
A SIDEKICK.

BUT **THIS**
SIDEKICK REALLY
NEEDS A
SPIDER-MAN.



THERE *IS* A WAY
FOR BAILEY BRIGGS
TO BE WITH US AGAIN.
BUT IT COMES WITH
A **COST...**

...OF
SOMETHING
QUITE DEAR TO
**BOTH SPIDER-MAN
AND PETER
PARKER.**



I...
KNOW WHAT
YOU WANT.



DEAL.

**EARLIER
TODAY.**

*The Simms Building,
Home to the
Spider-Society.*

ARAÑA!
I HEARD THIS'S
WHERE I COULD
FIND YOU.

YOU'RE
THE ONE WHO
BROUGHT ME
BACK! WELL...

...YOU
BROUGHT ME
BACK **WRONG!**
AND NOW YOU'RE
GONNA FIX
IT!

WHOA! LOOK,
SPIDER-BOY, I'M
SORRY, BUT **SILK**,
MADAME WEB,
AND I...

...WE'RE
KINDA BUSY
AT THE MOMENT.
I MEAN, IF WE'D
KNOWN YOU WERE
COMING--

I KNEW.
I'M MADAME WEB.
I KNOW **EVERYTHING**.
THAT'S MY WHOLE
DEAL.

YEAH.
THAT'S NOT
GOING TO GET
ANNOYING AT
ALL.

YOU
GET USED
TO IT.

THERE'S
ANOTHER
SPIDER-HERO WE'RE
HELPING RIGHT NOW,
BUT WE'LL GET TO
YOU **NEXT**.
HONEST!

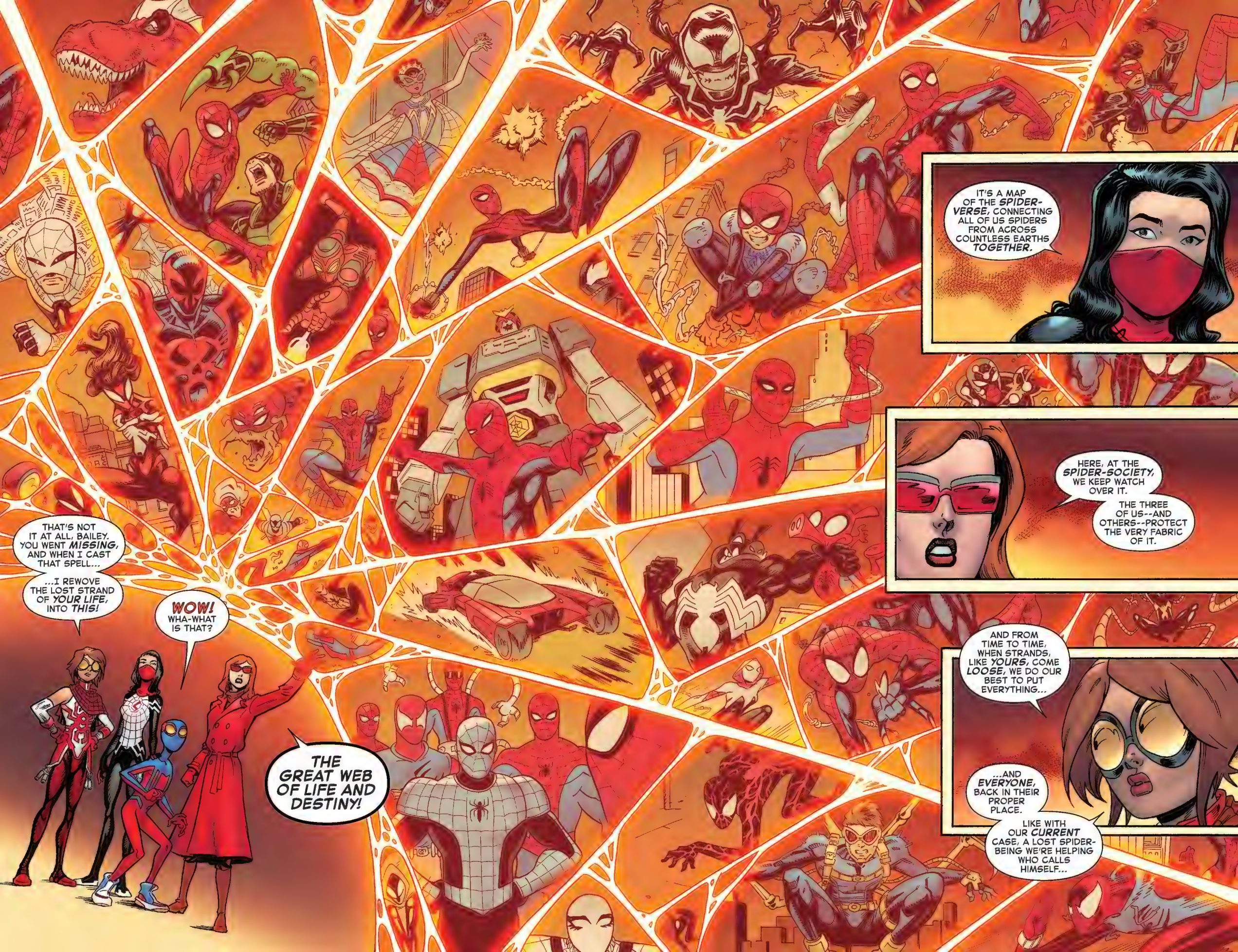
KNEW
SHE'D SAY
THAT.

STOP.

PLEASE.
THERE **HAS**
TO BE SOMETHING
YOU CAN DO
NOW!

I'M SORRY.
WHAT WAS YOUR
PROBLEM AGAIN?
I FORGOT.

THAT'S MY
PROBLEM! I'M BAILEY
BRIGGS! SPIDER-BOY!
AND YOUR MAGIC SPELL
MADE **EVERYBODY**
FORGET ME!



THAT'S NOT
IT AT ALL, BAILEY.
YOU WENT *MISSING*,
AND WHEN I CAST
THAT SPELL...

...I REMOVE
THE LOST STRAND
OF YOUR LIFE,
INTO THIS!

WOW!
WHA-WHAT
IS THAT?

**THE
GREAT WEB
OF LIFE AND
DESTINY!**

IT'S A MAP
OF THE **SPIDER-
VERSE**, CONNECTING
ALL OF US SPIDERS
FROM ACROSS
COUNTLESS EARTHS
TOGETHER.

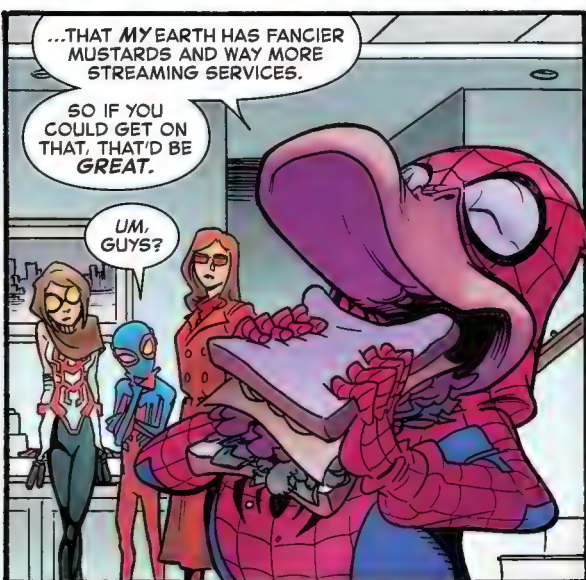
HERE, AT THE
SPIDER-SOCIETY,
WE KEEP WATCH
OVER IT.

THE THREE
OF US--AND
OTHERS--PROTECT
THE VERY FABRIC
OF IT.

AND FROM
TIME TO TIME,
WHEN STRANDS,
LIKE *YOURS*, COME
LOOSE, WE DO OUR
BEST TO PUT
EVERYTHING...

...AND
EVERYONE,
BACK IN THEIR
PROPER
PLACE.

LIKE WITH
OUR **CURRENT**
CASE, A LOST SPIDER-
BEING WE'RE HELPING
WHO CALLS
HIMSELF...







YEAH, BUT YOU SAID WHEN IT WAS MY TURN YOU'D WAITED TOO LONG. AND THAT'S WHY NO ONE COULD REMEMBER ME.

SO WHAT'S STOPPING YOU FROM GIVING IT ANOTHER SHOT? MAYBE *THIS* TIME, IT'LL STICK.



WE *DO* HAVE EVERYTHING *ARAÑA* WOULD NEED.

THE ANCIENT *SCROLLS* I BROUGHT BACK FROM OUR *FIRST* ADVENTURE IN THE SPIDER-VERSE.

THE *WEAVER'S TALISMAN* FROM OUR RECENT OUTING.

AND THE *TOTEM DAGGER*, THE ITEM THAT SEVERED YOU.

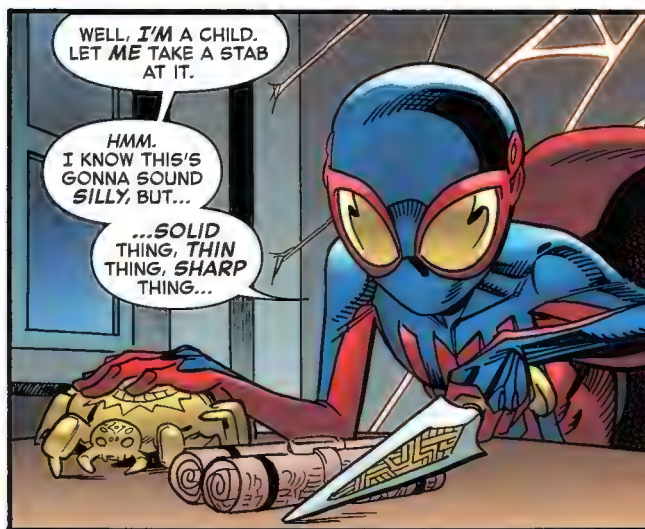


I'VE READ UP ON THE RITUAL. I KNOW HOW TO USE THESE *THREE* ARTIFACTS.

THE ONLY THING I *CAN'T* FIGURE OUT IS WHAT *ORDER* TO USE THEM IN.

ANY CLUES?

THE INSCRIPTION ON ALL OF THEM SAY THAT EVEN "A CHILD WOULD KNOW."



WELL, I'M A CHILD. LET *ME* TAKE A STAB AT IT.

HMM. I KNOW THIS'S GONNA SOUND SILLY, BUT...

...*SOLID* THING, *THIN* THING, *SHARP* THING...



HAVE YOU TRIED *ROCK, PAPER, SCISSORS*?

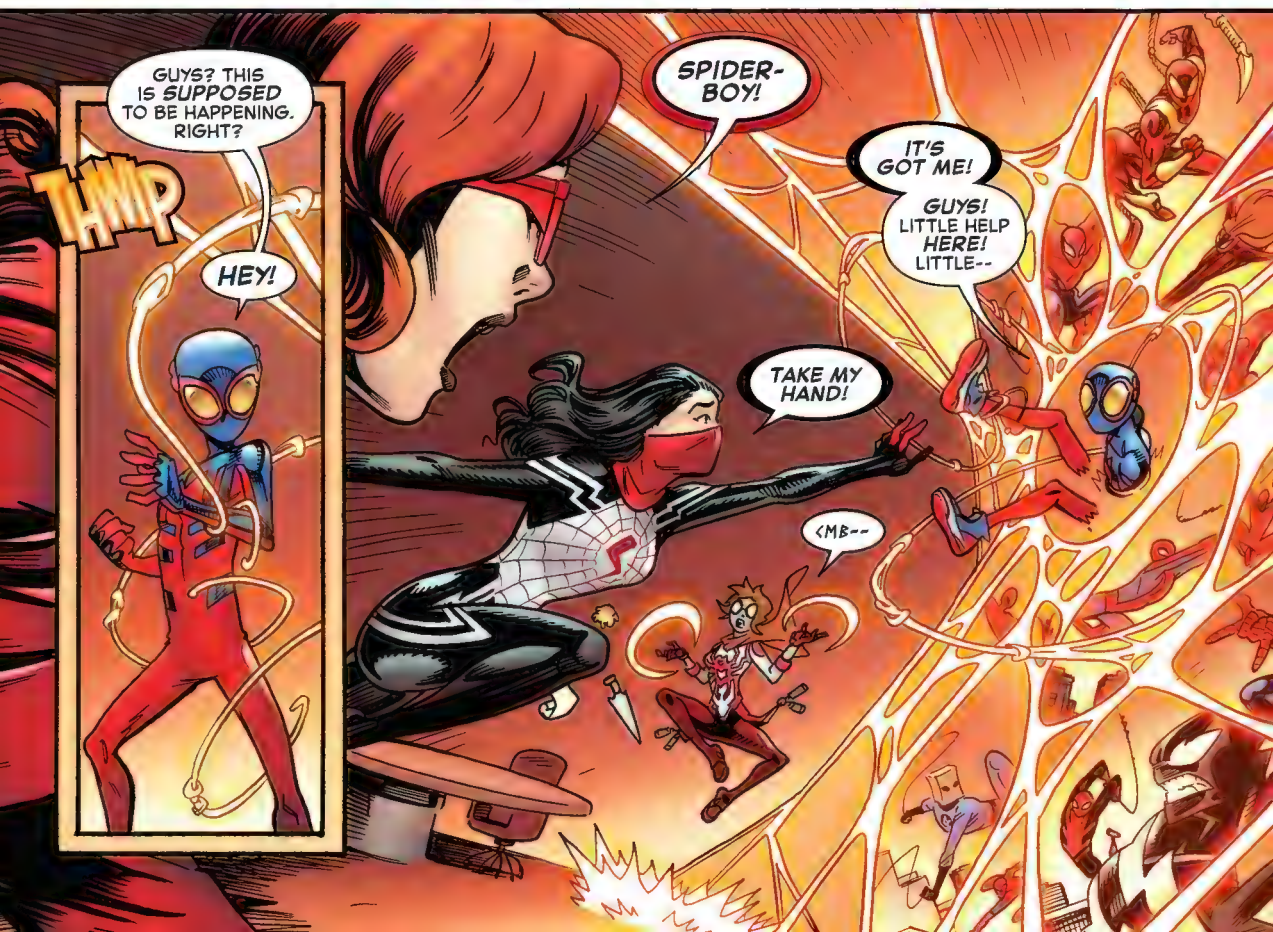
IT *CAN'T* BE THAT SIMPLE. CAN IT?

ONLY A CHILD *COULD* UNDERSTAND IT.

WHAT DO *YOU* SAY, BAILEY? YOU WANNA TRY THE SPELL *AGAIN*?

YES! TOTALLY! LET'S DO *THIS*!

REWEAVE ME *ALREADY*!





OHMYGOD!
OHMYGOD!
OHMYGOD!

WHAT'D
I DO?!

NO! THIS
IS MY FAULT!
I SHOULD'VE
FORESEEN THIS!
WHY DIDN'T
I?

ANYA!
JULIA!
SOMETHING
STRANGE
IS GOING ON
HERE!



I'M NOT
SURE HOW...
MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE
MY SPIDER-SENSE
IS HEIGHTENED...

...BUT WHEN I
MAKE CONTACT
WITH THE GREAT
WEB...

...I CAN
FEEL BAILEY
IN HERE. HE'S
FALLING...



"...ACROSS ALL
THE DIFFERENT
DIMENSIONS!

"AND SOMEHOW,
I JUST KNOW
THAT IF WE DON'T
FIND A WAY TO
EXTRACT HIM..."

"...HE'LL BE
LOST IN THERE
FOREVER!"

HALP!



HANG
IN THERE,
KID!

I'VE
SCREWED
THIS UP
TWICE!

I WON'T
LET IT HAPPEN
A THIRD TIME!
I PROMISE!

XPMSX!

KOSFY!

MRTXS!



ARAÑA,
STOP!

BUT
LOOK! IT'S
WORKING!

I GOT
'IM!



NO, YOU
DON'T!
I WAS TRYING
TO TELL YOU,
THAT'S NOT
BAILEY--

FWIP

WIPP

WHIPP



--YOU LATCHED
ON TO A SPIDER
FROM ANOTHER
EARTH!

WHAT?!
WHO?

HEY! I
KNOW HIM!
THAT'S TAKUYA
YAMASHIRO!
THE SPIDER-MAN
OF EARTH-
51778!

WHAT
HAVE YOU
DONE?!

I WAS IN
MID-BATTLE
AGAINST AN
UNSPEAKABLE
EVIL! IF I AM
HERE...

EARTH-51778.

W...WHO IS INSIDE MY
GIANT ROBOT?

"WHO IS PILOTING
LEOPARDON?!"

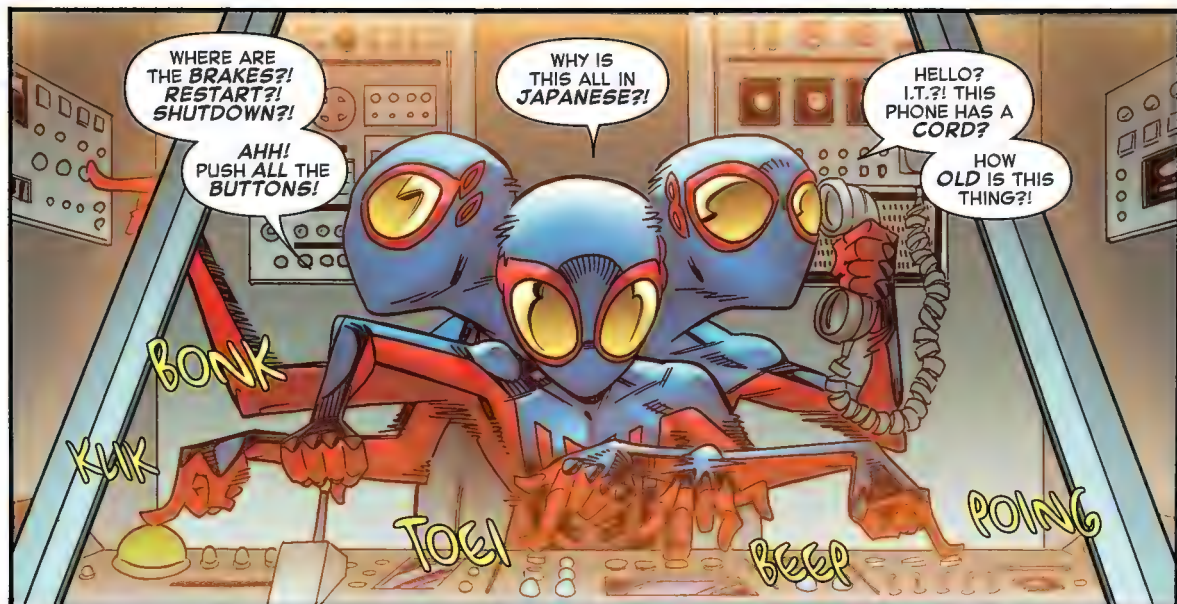
SORRY!

**'SCUSE
ME!**

I HAVE,
LIKE, NO IDEA
HOW THIS THING
WORKS!

AAAAH!







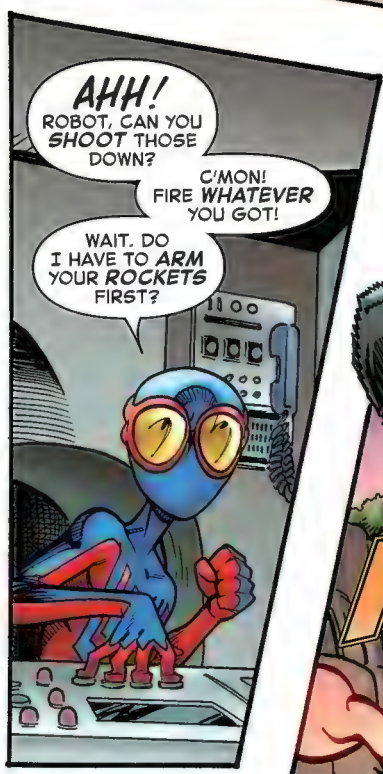
...GUTTERBALL?!

I AM THE
EVIL IRON CROSS
ARMY'S ULTIMATE
MACHINE
BEM!

I AM **KING
BOWLER!**

PEW
PEW
PYEW

AND I
UNLEASH MY
PIN MISSILE
STRIKE!



AHH!
ROBOT, CAN YOU
SHOOT THOSE
DOWN?

C'MON!
FIRE WHATEVER
YOU GOT!

WAIT. DO
I HAVE TO ARM
YOUR ROCKETS
FIRST?

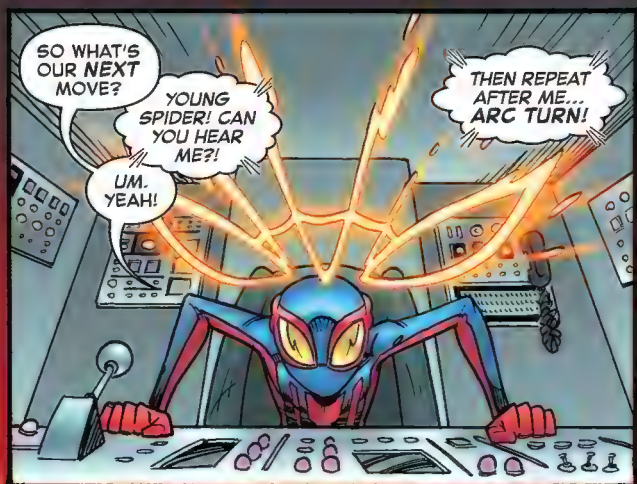


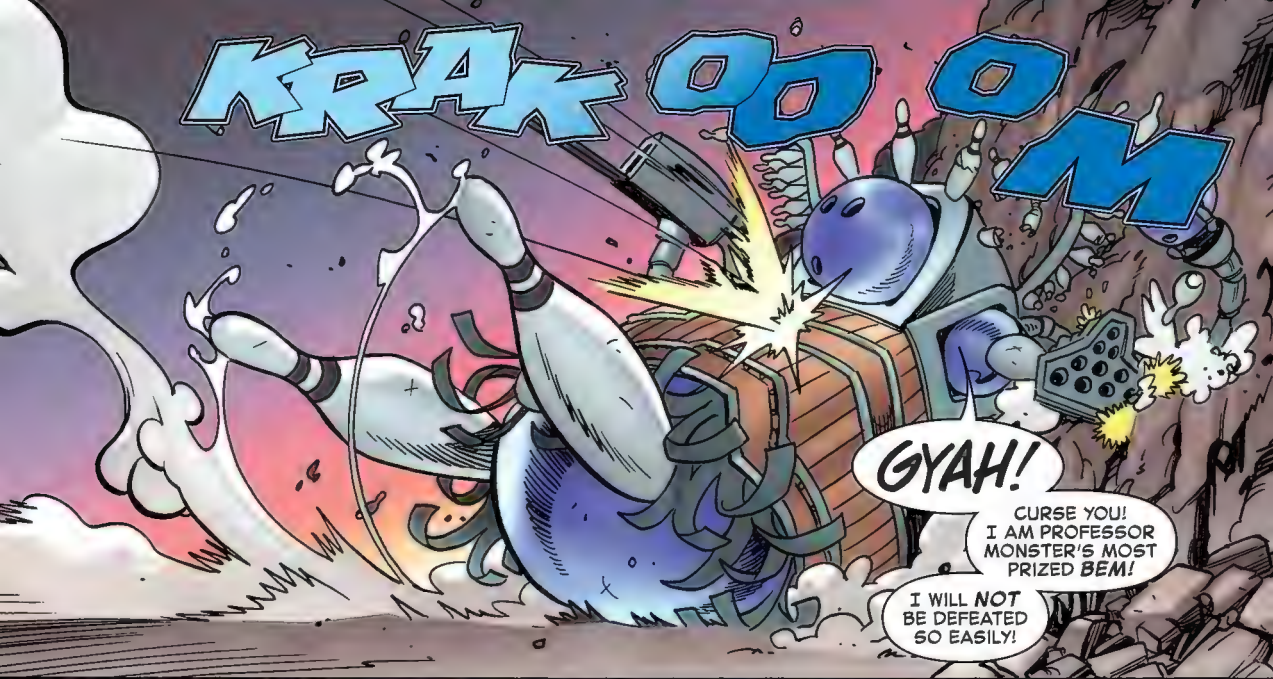
NO! DON'T
FIRE YOUR ARM
ROCKETS!

HOW AM
I GONNA FIGHT 'IM
NOW WITHOUT ANY
FISTS?

KPOW

KPOK

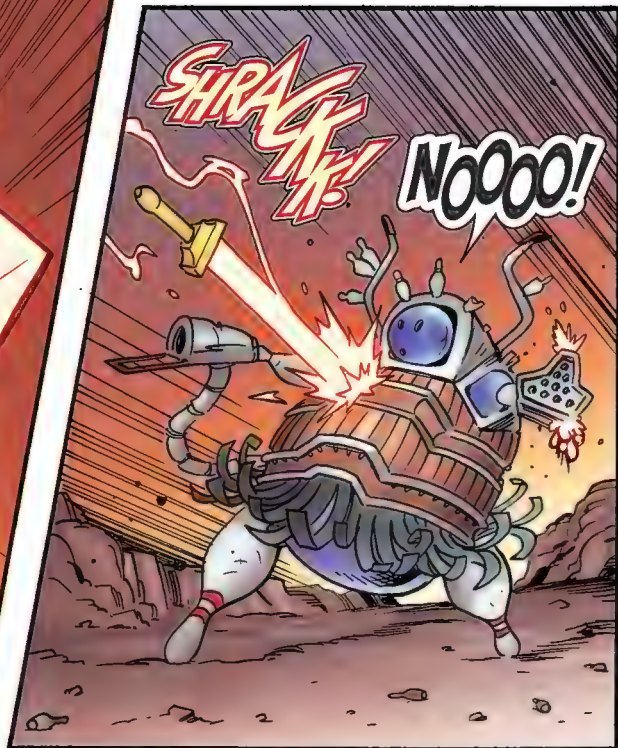






WHOA!
THIS IS
AWESOME!

MY
SPIDER-MAN
WON'T EVEN LET
ME HAVE WEB-
SHOOTERS!



SHRAK!

Noooo!



HA!

TAKE THAT,
YOU BIG--

KCHOOOM



ER...

DID--
DID I JUST
STRAIGHT UP
MURDER THAT
GUY?

DID HE
HAVE A WIFE
AND KIDS OR
ANYTHING?





...WHERE HE'LL
TURN UP NEXT!"

HUH? I'M...
UNMASKED?
AND OUT OF
COSTUME...



...AND
WEARING A
TIE? WHAT'S
GOIN' ON?

BRIGGS!
BAILEY BRIGGS,
DON'T JUST
STAND
THERE!

YOU
KNOW WHAT
I WANT!
PICTURES!

PICTURES
OF SPIDER-
BOY!

EARTH-67.



OH BOY.

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"SPIDER-BOY VERSUS...THE SPIDER-VERSE!" | "A BAILEY REMINDER!"

THE SIMMS BUILDING.

Home to the Spider-Society.

THIS IS TERRIBLE!
WE'VE LOST
SPIDER-BOY!

HE CAME
HERE FOR OUR HELP,
AND THANKS TO US,
HE'S NOW BOUNCING
AROUND THE
SPIDER-VERSE!

NOT US,
SILK. THIS IS
MY FAULT!

IT WAS MY
MAGIC SPELL
THAT PULLED HIM
INTO THE GREAT
WEB!

BEATING
YOURSELF UP
ISN'T HELPING US
FIND BAILEY,
ARAÑA.

WE NEED TO
THINK! HOW DO WE
FIGURE OUT WHICH
DIMENSION THE
BOY'S GONE TO
NOW?

JULIA, YOU'RE MADAME
WEB. YOU'RE SUPPOSED
TO BE ABLE TO SEE INTO
THE FUTURE.

CAN'T YOU
JUST TELL US
WHERE HE'LL TURN
UP NEXT?

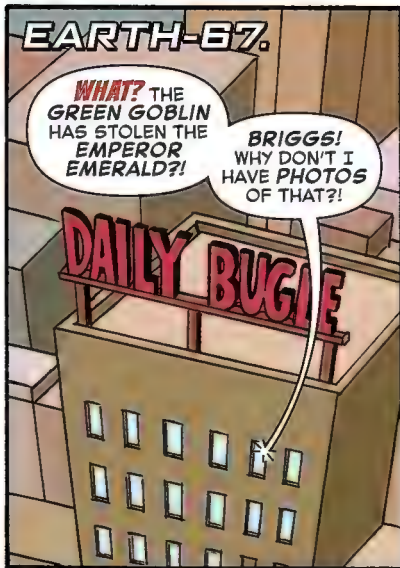
IT'S TOO
HARD FOR ME
TO SEE ACROSS
ALL THE BRANCHING
FUTURES OF THE
MULTIVERSE!

BUT WHAT
I CAN SEE IS A
BIG CLUE...THAT'S
POPPING INTO OUR
PRESENT!

WALLOPING
WEB-SNAPPERS!
HOW'D I GET
HERE?

IT SEEMS
BAILEY BRIGGS HAS
SWAPPED PLACES
WITH YET ANOTHER
SPIDER-MAN.

I KNOW THIS
PETER PARKER!
WHICH MEANS WE KNOW
EXACTLY WHICH EARTH
SPIDER-BOY'S ON!





I DON'T GET IT. JONAH AND BETTY ARE IN DANGER...

...SO WHY ISN'T MY STAND-IN TURNING INTO SPIDER-MAN TO SAVE THEM?

BECAUSE BAILEY *ISN'T* SPIDER-MAN, MR. PARKER, HE'S SPIDER-BOY.

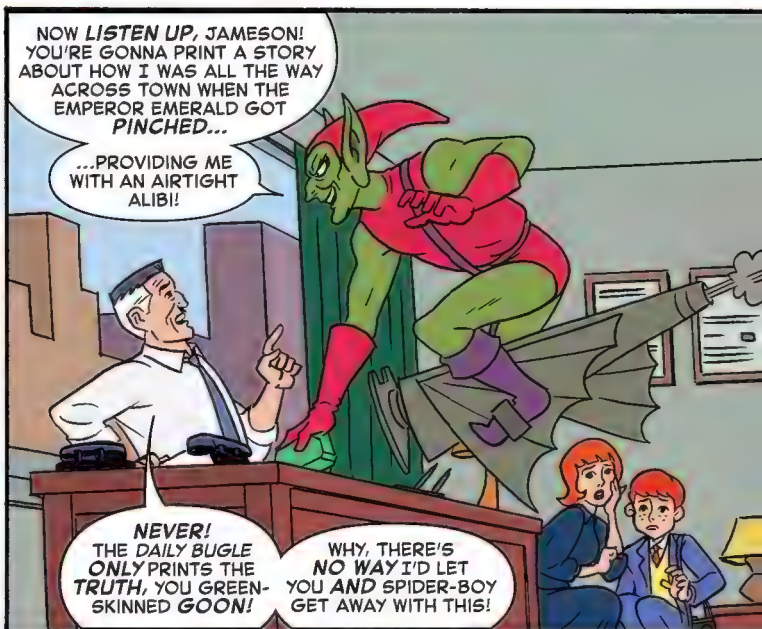
BUT YOUR POINT STILL STANDS.



HERE, I'LL PUT YOU IN MENTAL CONTACT WITH HIM, SO YOU CAN ASK HIM YOURSELF.

WOW! WELL, AIN'T THIS A KICK IN THE PANTS!

GUESS YOU GALS DO STUFF LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME, HUH?

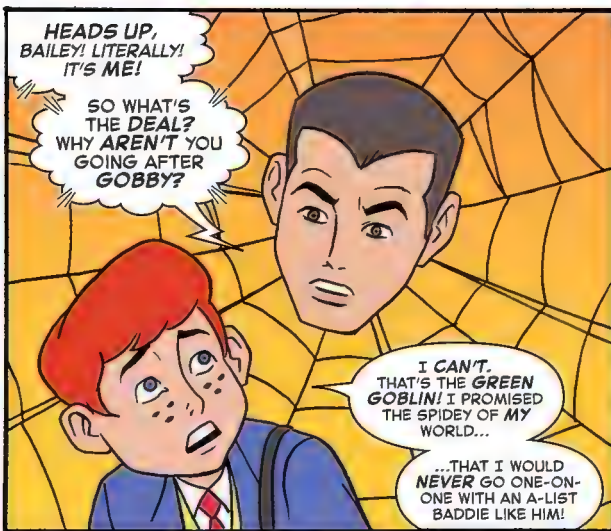


NOW LISTEN UP, JAMESON! YOU'RE GONNA PRINT A STORY ABOUT HOW I WAS ALL THE WAY ACROSS TOWN WHEN THE EMPEROR EMERALD GOT PINCHED...

...PROVIDING ME WITH AN AIRTIGHT ALIBI!

NEVER! THE DAILY BUGLE ONLY PRINTS THE TRUTH, YOU GREEN-SKINNED GOON!

WHY, THERE'S NO WAY I'D LET YOU AND SPIDER-BOY GET AWAY WITH THIS!



HEADS UP, BAILEY! LITERALLY! IT'S ME!

SO WHAT'S THE DEAL? WHY AREN'T YOU GOING AFTER GOBBY?

I CAN'T. THAT'S THE GREEN GOBLIN! I PROMISED THE SPIDEY OF MY WORLD...

...THAT I WOULD NEVER GO ONE-ON-ONE WITH AN A-LIST BADDIE LIKE HIM!

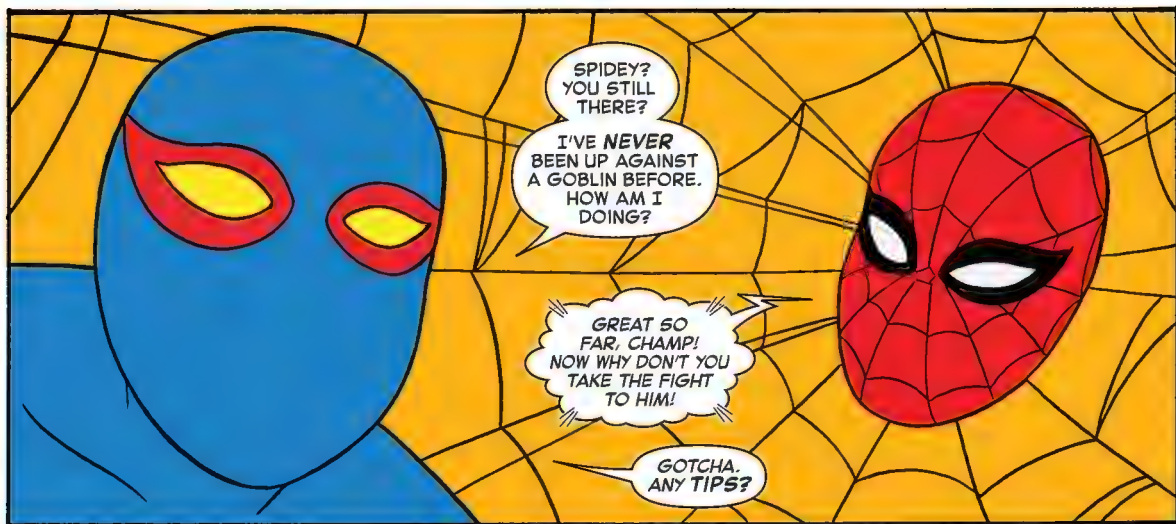


SORRY, KIDDO. BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE AROUND WITH THE POWER TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS.

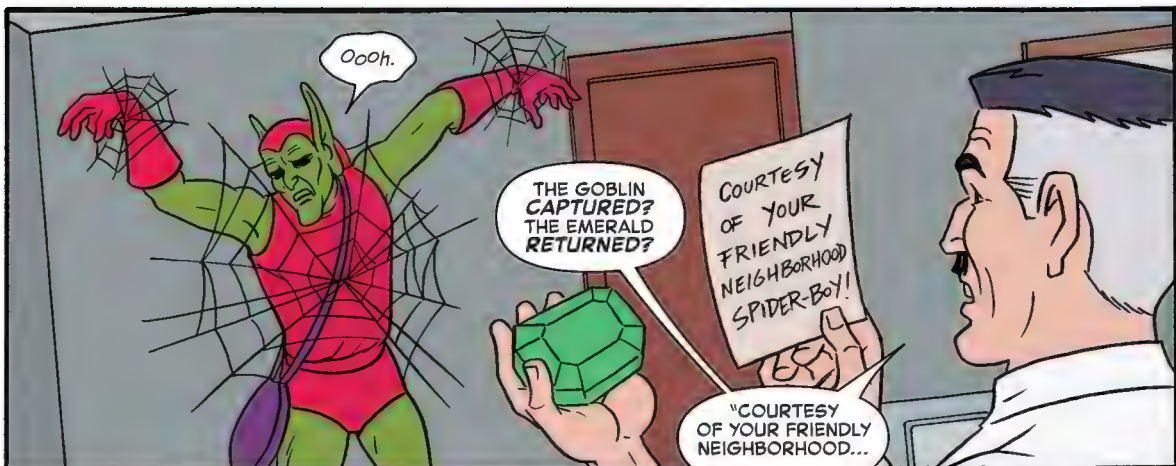
AND THAT MAKES THIS...?

MY RESPONSIBILITY.









SPIDER-BOY® in **HOTSHOT ON THE BLOCK**





HOLD ON. HOW WAS THAT EARTH-S1914 SPIDER-MAN?!

DIDN'T MORLUN KILL HIM DURING THE FIRST SPIDER-VERSE THINGIE?

YEAH, BUT IF YOU REMEMBER, DURING OUR LAST SPIDER-VERSE THINGIE...

...I BROKE MORLUN OPEN, LIKE A BIG OL' SPIDER-TOTEM PINATA.

AND ALL THAT ENERGY TRAVELED ALONG THE GREAT WEB...

...AND GAVE US BACK ALL THOSE SPIDERS WHO WERE LOST TO US!

NOT ALL OF THEM, SILK.

ALL OF THE ONES MORLUN DEVoured.

MOST OF THEM."

WHICH ONES ARE BACK? ALL OF YOUR FAVORITES, OF COURSE. --NICK



MAYBE THAT'S THE ANSWER!

I WAS TRYING TO USE MY SPIDER-TOTEM MAGIC TO PLUCK SPIDER-BOY OUT OF THE GREAT WEB...

...BUT WHAT IF I TRIED PULLING HIM ALONG IT INSTEAD?

MXFY RMNBHRNM NROBS!



AHHH!!

KNOCK IT OFF, DOLLFACE!

YOU'RE FLIPPIN' KILLIN' ME! IT'S LIKE...

...I'M BEING HOG-TIED ACROSS THE SPIDER-VERSE!

OINK!



BAILEY!
I DIDN'T
MEAN TO--



ANYA?
WHAT WAS
THAT? WHAT'D
YOU DO?

I MADE
EVERYTHING
SO MUCH
WORSE.

MY ORIGINAL
SPELL BROUGHT
BAILEY BACK INTO OUR
WORLD, BUT HE WAS
INCOMPLETE--A
LOOSE THREAD.

THAT'S WHY
EVERYONE KEPT
FORGETTING
HIM.



AS HE WAS JUMPING ACROSS DIMENSIONS,
HIS THREAD WAS CONNECTING
WITH OTHERS.

THAT'S WHY
THEY WERE COMING HERE.
BUT I JUST RIPPED HIM
RIGHT OUT...

...AND NOW
HIS THREAD'S OUT
THERE, ON ITS OWN...
UNRAVELING.

SO WHAT
WE NEED IS
SOME KIND OF
LIFELINE.



A SPIDER-BEING
WHO HAS MORE THAN
ONE CONNECTION TO
THE WEB OF LIFE.

OF
COURSE!

CINDY!
ANYA! I'LL BE
BACK AS SOON AS
I CAN! IN THE
MEANTIME...



SEE IF YOU CAN
FIND WHICH EARTH
SPIDER-BOY HAS
GONE TO NOW!

LOOKS LIKE
WE'VE GOT A
VISITOR.
YOU GO BY
SPIDER-BOY,
RIGHT?

YEAH. OW.
THAT'S ME.
SORTA.



HI, I'M SPIDER-GIRL, BUT YOU CAN CALL ME MAYDAY. SO? WHAT BRINGS YOU TO EARTH-982?

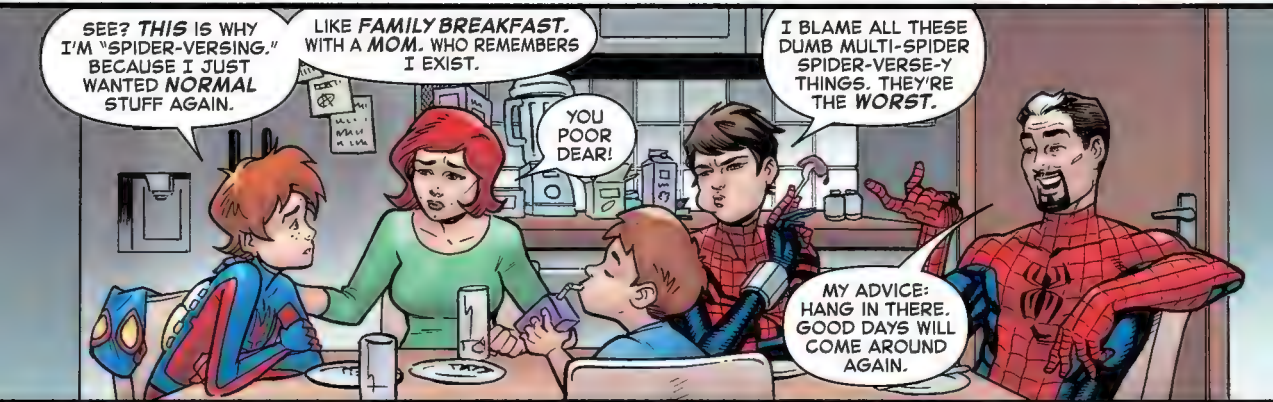
IT'S A SPIDER-VERSE THING.

UGH. SAY NO MORE.

WELL, WHATEVER REASON YOU'RE HERE, YOU'RE JUST IN TIME FOR BREAKFAST.

I MADE WHEATCAKES!

AGAIN?! YEUCH.



SEE? THIS IS WHY I'M "SPIDER-VERSING," BECAUSE I JUST WANTED NORMAL STUFF AGAIN.

LIKE FAMILY BREAKFAST. WITH A MOM. WHO REMEMBERS I EXIST.

YOU POOR DEAR!

I BLAME ALL THESE DUMB MULTI-SPIDER SPIDER-VERSE-Y THINGS. THEY'RE THE WORST.

MY ADVICE: HANG IN THERE. GOOD DAYS WILL COME AROUND AGAIN.



DAD! REALLY? YOU DIED DURING ONE OF THOSE!

YEAH, BUT ONLY FOR A BIT. AND THEN I CAME BACK! AND WITH A WHOLE NEW LEG!

IF YOU LOOK AT IT THE RIGHT WAY, I CAME OUT A LEG AHEAD!

OFF THE BREAKFAST TABLE.



SORRY ABOUT THAT, BAILEY. Y'KNOW, I STILL HAVE MY WEB-WARRIORS COMMUNICATOR UPSTAIRS.

WHY DON'T I GET IN TOUCH WITH ARANA AND LET HER KNOW YOU'RE...



...HERE? BAILEY?!

HE JUST WENT "POOF" AND DISAPPEARED.

YOU MISSED IT! IT WAS AWESOME!

I SURE HOPE EVERYTHING WORKS OUT FOR THE LITTLE GUY.





WHOEVER
THIS NEW
SPIDER-MAN IS, I
DIDN'T **SUMMON**
THEM! DID YOU,
MADAME WEB?

I MOST
CERTAINLY
DID NOT,
BEYONDER!

AN INTRUDER,
HUH? WELL, AS
THE SPIDER-MAN
IN CHARGE
HERE--

--I'M
GIVING THE
ORDER TO
ATTACK!

UM,
WHAT
NOW?

HEY!
WHY IS HE IN
CHARGE?



YEAH!
WHAT'S
YOUR
DEAL?

WE WERE
ALL BROUGHT
HERE TO
FIGHT A...

...SICK,
TWISTED,
MONSTROUS
VERSION
OF PETER
PARKER!

IS THAT
YOU?



PLEASE!
THAT DOESN'T
SOUND ANYTHING
LIKE ME!

NOW,
YOU ON
THE OTHER
HAND...

OW!
THAT'S
HURTFUL!

WHATEVER.



HEY! EASY THERE. I'M NOT
A REAL SPIDER-MAN! JUST
A GUY IN A SUIT!

WHAT?
SO YOU DON'T
HAVE ANY
POWERS?

IT'S A
LONG
STORY.



LOOK, WE'RE KINDA IN THE MIDDLE OF SOMETHING HERE.

WE'RE ABOUT TO START A SPIDER-WAR.

THE QUESTION IS: ARE YOU WITH US OR AGAINST US?

'CAUSE THE LAST THING WE NEED IS A KID RUNNING AROUND.

EVEN IF HE IS ANOTHER PETER PARKER.



THAT'S JUST THE THING, I'M NOT! SEE? I'M NOT PETER PARKER!

OR EVEN A SPIDER-MAN!

AND I NEVER WANTED TO BE!



I JUST WANTED TO BE ME, BAILEY BRIGGS. I NEVER ASKED FOR ANY OF THIS.

IT WAS ALL FORCED ON ME.

AND NOW NO ONE EVEN REMEMBERS WHO I WAS. NOT EVEN MY MOM.

AND PRETTY SOON...EVERYONE'S GOING TO FORGET ME ALTOGETHER, WON'T THEY?

LIKE I WAS NEVER EVEN HERE.

IT'LL BE OKAY, KID. YOU'LL SEE. EVERYTHING'S GONNA BE--



NO! NOT AGAIN!

Nooooo!

THE END?

EARTH-616.

DO
YOU TRULY
UNDERSTAND
WHAT'S BEING
ASKED OF YOU,
PETER?

THE ONLY
WAY TO BRING
BAILEY BRIGGS
BACK, TO
REWEAVE HIM
INTO THE WEB
OF LIFE...

...WOULD BE
FOR SOMEONE
ELSE TO SACRIFICE
THREADS OF THEIR
OWN DESTINY.



I REALIZE
WHAT I'D BE
GIVING UP.

BUT YOU KNEW
I WAS GOING TO
SAY THAT,
DIDN'T YOU?

YES, BUT
NOT BECAUSE
I'M MADAME
WEB.

I KNOW
BECAUSE OF
WHO YOU ARE...
PETER BENJAMIN
PARKER.

THE SIMMS BUILDING.

JULIA!
YOU'RE
BACK...

...AND
YOU'VE GOT
HIM!

AND HE'S
AGREED TO DONATE
ALL OF THE **THREADS**
WE'LL NEED.

ALSO, I
THINK I HAVE
A COMPATIBLE
KIDNEY.

SO
WHERE'S
THE KID?

I'M
AFRAID
WE'RE TOO
LATE.

I CAN ONLY
SENSE THE
FAINTEST TRACE
OF HIM...

BUT THAT'S STILL
SOMETHING,
RIGHT? C'MON.
LET'S DO
THIS!

I...I
DON'T THINK I
CAN. AT THIS
RATE...

...IT'D
TAKE AN
ENTIRE **LIFETIME**
OF EXPERIENCES
TO RESTORE
BAILEY.

WELL,
ARANA? WHAT
ARE YOU WAITING
FOR?

I GOT
EVERYTHING
YOU NEED. RIGHT
HERE!

YOU DO!
I CAN **SENSE** IT! YOU
HAVE **MORE** TIES TO THE
WEB OF LIFE THAN ANY
OTHER SPIDER!

YEP.
TWICE AS
MANY.

HOW IS THAT
POSSIBLE?

BECAUSE
WHEN I WAS SEVERED
FROM THE GREAT WEB, IT
WAS ONLY THE **SPIDER**
PART OF ME THAT
GOT ERASED.

I GOT TO LIVE
OUT A WHOLE 'NOTHER
LIFE--AS **PETER**
PARKER...

HE DID! SEE
SPIDER-MAN #5.
--NICK



...A LIFE WHERE MY **UNCLE BEN** NEVER DIED.

ALL THOSE EXPERIENCES, THOSE MEMORIES... CAN YOU USE THEM TO--?

TO SAVE THE BOY?



YEAH. I CAN.

THEN DO IT.

I NEED YOU TO HOLD ON TO THE **WEB OF LIFE**, PETER.

HOLD TIGHT AND **REMEMBER** THOSE TIMES. IMAGINE THEM. EVERY MOMENT. LAID OUT LIKE A TAPESTRY.



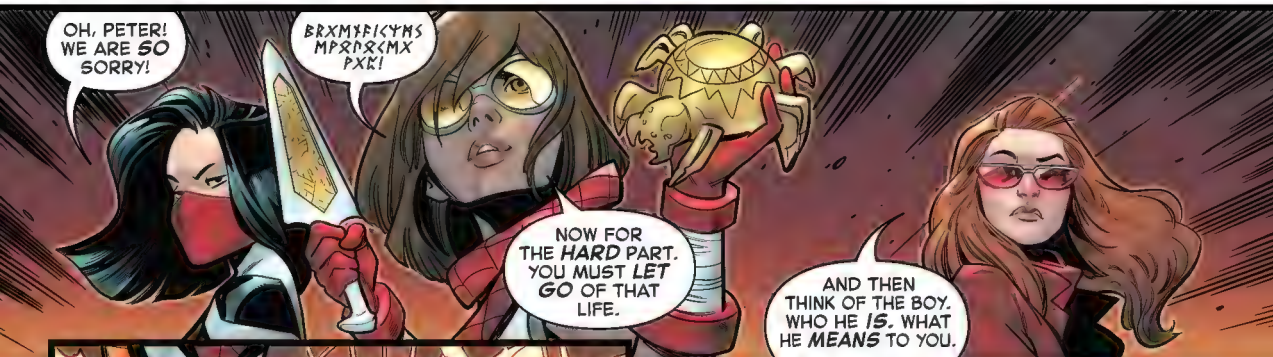
I ONCE TOLD BAILEY I **DIDN'T** WANT THESE EXTRA MEMORIES OF MY **UNCLE BEN**.

THAT HAVING THEM FELT LIKE A **CURSE**.

AND HE THOUGHT THEY WERE MORE LIKE A **GIFT**.

THAT STUPID KID WAS RIGHT.

SEE **SUPERIOR SPIDER-MAN** VOL. 3 #1. --NICK



OH, PETER!
WE ARE SO
SORRY!

BRXMYFKYNS
MPXRXCMX
PXK!

NOW FOR
THE HARD PART.
YOU MUST LET
GO OF THAT
LIFE.

AND THEN
THINK OF THE BOY.
WHO HE IS. WHAT
HE MEANS TO YOU.



HE'S
A GOOD
KID.

BIT OF
A SMART
ALEC.

ONLY
LISTENS TO
ME HALF THE
TIME.



BUT, MOST
IMPORTANTLY...

...I'M
PRETTY
SURE...



...HE STILL
OWES ME FIVE
BUCKS!

WHOA!
WHAT A
TRIP!

WHERE--
WHERE
AM I?

EARTH-616.
YOUR HOME
DIMENSION. DO
YOU KNOW WHO
YOU ARE?



OF COURSE I DO. JUST LOOK AT ME.

I'M **SPIDER-BOY!**



NOW ABOUT THAT FIVE DOLLARS--

THIS AGAIN? YOU GAVE ME A TWENTY FOR A BAGEL AND TWO SNAPPLES.

AND WHERE'S THE CHANGE?

THAT WAS THREE YEARS AGO.

YEAH. IT WAS.



YOU REMEMBER?

I REMEMBER ALL OF IT, KIDDO.

WE ALL DO! YOU'RE BACK!

FOR REAL THIS TIME!

EVERYBODY REMEMBERS?! MOM! I GOTTA CALL MY MOM!

BE CAREFUL, SPIDER-BOY. YOU GOT WHAT YOU WANTED...

...BUT THAT ALWAYS COMES WITH A COST.

TO BE CONTINUED...



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PEACH MOMOKO



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BENJAMIN SU



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